

February, the month of love

Every February we celebrate Valentine’s Day by giving flowers, candy and cards to those we love. We do this in honor of Saint Valentine. You may be wondering, “Who is St. Valentine”? Time to brush up on your Valentine’s history.

Legend has it that Valentine was a priest who served during third century Rome. There was an Emperor at that time by the name of Claudius II. Emperor Claudius II decided that single men made better soldiers than those that were married. With this thought in mind he outlawed marriage for young men in hopes of building a stronger military base. Supposedly, Valentine, decided this decree just wasn’t fair and chose to marry young couples secretly. When Emperor Claudius II found out about Valentine’s actions he had him put to death.

Another legend has it that Valentine was an imprisoned man who fell in love with his jailor’s daughter. Before he was put to death he sent the first ‘valentine’ himself when he wrote her a letter and signed it ‘Your Valentine’,

words still used on cards today.

Perhaps we’ll never know the true identity and story behind the man named St. Valentine, but this much is for sure...February has been the month to celebrate love for a long time, dating clear back to the Middle Ages. In fact, Valentines ranks second only to Christmas in number of greeting cards sent.

Another valentine gentleman you may be wondering about is Cupid (Latin cupido, “desire”). In Roman mythology Cupid is the son of Venus, goddess of love. His counterpart in Greek mythology is Eros, god of love. Cupid is often said to be a mischievous boy who goes around wounding both gods and humans with his arrows, causing them to fall in love.

Though there are thousands of love stories to be told, below we feature two of those love stories.

The 54 year love affair of Earl and Ada Littleman and the newlywed couple, Cecil and Hauli Gray.

We hope you enjoy these stories as much as we did writing them.

Married over a half century, love still strong

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

Ada and Earl Littleman joke with one another as they sit side by side, each in their own wheelchair. Their bodies may not be what they used to be, but their love for each other remains strong.

They first met in 1957 and soon became good friends.

“There was an old Indian lady that lived across the way over there ... she sold my mother this land ... and Earl stayed over there and helped her with the place. He cut wood and help her keep up the house,” Ada said. “Back then everyone used wood to cook with and we didn’t know what television was. Anyway one night Earl followed me and my friends and we just started talking and got acquainted.”

Earl laughingly said, “Yeah, we started out just friends and I used to come across there and visit Ada’s brother, John David. Him and I would go hunting and fishing all the time and we would all sit around and talk.

Earl looked over at Ada with a mischievous look in his eyes and said, “Her dad wanted me to marry Ada, you know back then it was the Indian way, he wanted me as a son-in-law so after we got

acquainted and got to know each and be good friends, we got married.”

So on March 3, 1958, Ada, age 18 and Earl, age 25 had a small, quiet wedding in the home of Ada’s parents’ Minerva and Elmer White Eagle.

“We had a hard time when we were first starting out. I worked all the time as a farm laborer and we only got paid 35 cents an hour ... later that was raised to 50 cents. We lived with Ada’s parents for about three or four years until we go our first home,” Earl said. “Times were rough but I worked a lot ... we wanted to have our own home for our kids, a place for our kids to know where they belonged and a place they knew was home.”

While Earl worked, Ada stayed at home raising their four children, Earl Jr., Earla, Kenneth and Teddy.

“Later on our grandson, Elmer Jr. came to us when he was 8 months old and we have raised him ever since ... so you could say we have five children,” Ada

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Photo by Rosemary Stephens
Earl “Babe” Littleman and Ada White Eagle Littleman will celebrate their 54 year wedding anniversary on March 3, 2012.

Love ever after

One warm summer evening, a young lady took notice of a young man, who would one day become her husband.



The month was July when Cecil Gray and Hauli Warrior were sitting separately but in the same area, along with their families, at the 2005 Stroud powwow in Stroud, Okla.

“I looked up and saw him sitting across from me ... I thought he was cute,” Hauli said. “I got up to go buy something I wanted and as I walked passed Cecil I would look at him.”

Cecil interrupts Hauli with a huge smile on his face and said, “let me tell you my side of the story.”

“My brother noticed her looking at me as she kept walking by again and again,” Cecil said. “He said to me, ‘that girl keeps looking at you and walking by us.’ I looked over at her and I saw she was beautiful.”

However Cecil was reluctant to go over and introduce himself to Hauli.

“I had expe-

rienced a few bad relationships. I did not want another one, so I had prayed to the Lord and asked him to bring me the woman he wanted me to have,” Cecil said.

Hauli, strolling by Cecil yet another time, decided to speak to Cecil.

“Are you about to dance next?” Hauli asked him.

Cecil and Hauli began laughing with one another as they recalled the magical moment.

“She was beautiful and at that moment I was paying attention to her. Then she left the powwow and was gone a long time. When she came back her hair was up in a little thing and she was all freshened up,” Cecil said smiling as he looked at Hauli.

Upon her return to the powwow grounds Cecil saw her walking over towards the restrooms.

“What a coincidence I, too, needed to go to the bathroom,” Cecil said.

Hauli said when she came out, “he was just standing there in front of me,” giggling as she smiled over at Cecil.

The young couple began walking together and talking as they made their way back towards their families.

“I was attracted to her, so when we

walked over to where her family was I introduced myself to them. She and I sat down and continued to talk. Just about that time the MC announced the two step dance was next,” Cecil said. “It was ladies choice.”

Hauli asked Cecil to dance with her.

“When a couple two steps together they normally do not interlock their fingers as they are holding hands, but somewhere in the middle of the song our fingers entangled together. After that I knew she was strongly interested in me,” Cecil said as he mischievously glanced over at Hauli, who, being a bit flirtatious said to Cecil she was just fine holding hands the other way.

For the rest of the night Cecil and Hauli visited with one another and the next day at the powwow, they found one another again and began to visit through out the day.

“I had these perfect black and white Eagle feathers that some people pursue to own and I had a fan made out of them, me being a man I really didn’t use it. It is an extremely beautiful fan. In my mind I was going to give it to the woman who was to be my wife one day,” Cecil said.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes to launch digital television station

The Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes announce the upcoming launch of CATV-47; the first Native American owned and operated television station in the south central region of the United States.

“The station will have access to any and all programs that OETA has previously aired for the station to rerun,” Jennifer Monroe, Jennifer Monroe, Inc. media specialist said. “The station has secured a content sharing agreement with the Oklahoma Educational Television Authority (OETA).”

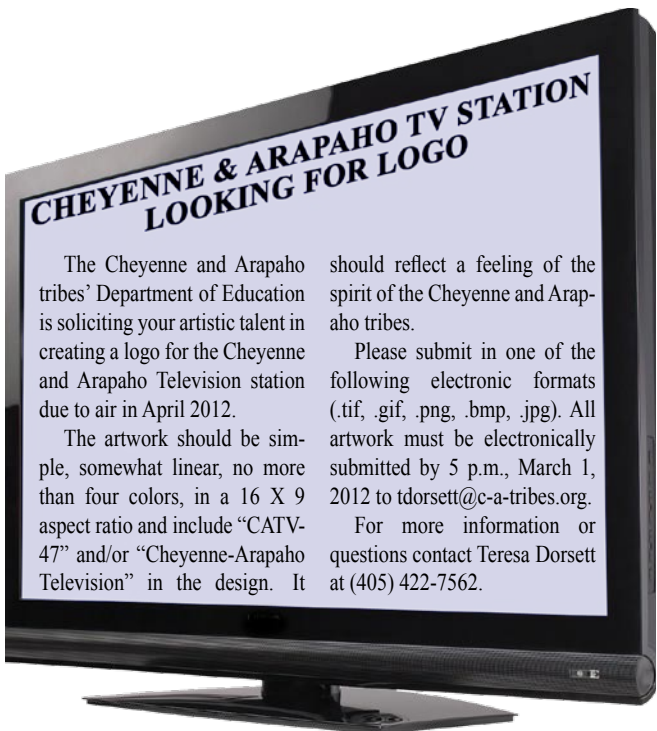
The digital signal will be reaching homes in the surrounding areas of Oklahoma City, Kingfisher, Hinton and Anadarko.

“The station will provide educational and cultural Native American programming to viewers in an eight county area of central and western Oklahoma,” Randy Cassimus, media consultant said.

CATV programming will also include produced shows of local interest as well as award winning national films, documentaries and more.

“The construction phase is nearly complete and equipment installation is underway with an anticipation date of April 1, 2012 for sign on,” Cassimus said.

For more information, contact Teresa Dorsett at (405) 422-7562 or tdorsette@c-a-tribes.org.



**February is Heart Healthy Month**



Celebrate by eating more vegetables and fruits
A message from the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes
Food Distribution Program
Vegetables/fruits pictured above are available at the
Food Distribution Grocery Store in Watonga, Okla.

Crossing the miles from Oklahoma to South Dakota



Photos by Nick Barton

Robert Looks Twice and his little cousin unpack some of the boxes of clothes and shoes. Standing in the back are Adrienne Kinney and Diane Barton.

When ABC aired Diane Sawyer’s documentary entitled, A Hidden America, Children of the Plains, on Oct. 14, 2011, the messages and responses from across America were mixed. For several people in Oklahoma, including three Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members, the message was clear ... families living on the Pine Ridge Reservation were in need of assistance.

“I got a call from my friend, Sandi Factor and she told me her daughter, Nikki was starting to collect donations to take to Pine Ridge for Robert, his family and other children on the reservation and I said, of course I will help,” Adrienne Kinney, Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal member said. “I have a heart for those kids because I know what it’s like to grow up poor ... there are 12 people living in that small trailer.”

Nikki Factor-Navarro said she saw the special about Robert Looks Twice and the other children on Pine Ridge and that it was Robert’s story that “went through her heart.”

Robert is one of the 12 people living in a trailer in the community of Manderson on the Pine Ridge Reservation. He has committed to be alcohol and drug free, is the captain of his school’s football team, president of the student council and his goal is to become the first Native American President of the United States.

“Nikki was really touched by Robert and his story ... she really got this all together, she made flyers and then called Blossom Jumping Eagle, Robert’s grandma and got all the ages, sizes and shoe sizes of all

nine of the children living in the trailer,” Kinney said.

Kinney called her sister Diane Barton, Diane’s son, Nick Barton, and they all decided to help with collecting donations and to drive to South Dakota to deliver what they collected.

“My church, Glorieta Baptist donated a lot of used clothing and Central Baptist, along with a lot of Nikki’s friends ... she has a lot of friends and she really collected a lot,” Kinney said.

On a cool November early morning, Kinney, Diane and Nick loaded up Kinney’s pick up truck while Nikki, her parents, Sandi and John Factor loaded

By Rosemary Stephens, Editor-in-Chief

up another truck with clothes, shoes, coats and undergarments of all sizes and drove the 15 hour trip to Pine Ridge.

“Those kids were all so excited ... they just tore into their boxes,” Kinney said. “The trailer they live in is so small and we are hoping to raise enough funds and building supplies to go back and build on an addition to their trailer for a bigger living space.”

Fund raising efforts are in the making for another trip to Pine Ridge in April 2012, Kinney said.

“We hope to be able to build the room addition, take more clothes and also, we are trying to raise funds to bring Robert to Oklahoma so he can attend the Red Earth Festival in June,” Kinney said.

The Robert Looks Twice Benefit Website (www.robertlookstwicebenefit.com) has been set up to assist with future projects by two Oklahoma families. The Robert Looks Twice Benefit’s first project goal is to add rooms to Robert’s trailer on the Pine Ridge Reservation. All profits of purchased shirts/bracelets and donations will go directly to purchasing building materials and other items to furnish each room. The benefit’s goal is to add a family room, laundry room, and a study room.

Also an Indian taco sale has been set up for March 1, 2012, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on the campus of the University of Oklahoma (OU), Henry Zarrow School of Social Work, 700 Elm Ave.

For more information email native24@att.net.



From l-r: Blossom Jumping Eagle, Nikki Factor-Navarro and Robert Looks Twice. Standing in the rear is Diane Barton in front of Robert’s home on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota.

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Success at Darlington

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Jimmie Smith, Glenn Meriweather and staff/faculty of Darlington School.

A few weeks ago, members of Leadership Canadian County made a stop at Darlington School. The class, made up of business and government people from throughout the county, visited Darlington to learn how a small dependent school district could post the fourth highest test scores in the county.

What the Leadership Canadian County class found was in the words of one member, “impressive.”

Darlington Superintendent Jimmie Smith said Darlington is a “poor school” that has an enrollment of 230 students, ranging from pre-kindergarten through eighth grade. Of these, Smith said, 85 percent are a minority, and 92 percent receive free or reduced lunches.

So how is tiny Darlington, with a student body that obviously comes from challenging backgrounds, able to tie with the massive and well-funded Mustang Public School District for the fourth highest API score in the county? Both Darlington and Mustang posted scores of 1,237 on the Academic Performance Index tests.

“The atmosphere of the school sets the tone for education,” Smith said. He said many factors influence the high scores, but the main reasons are the after-school program and the teachers.

“Take five or seven years, their scores have been fairly strong,” Smith said. He said two years ago they had a “dip” because the performance targets were raised, but they “buckled down and made a few changes ... (and) recovered quite a bit.”

Smith said a willingness to work overtime has made a big difference, not only in test scores but in the lives of the children.

“Part of the improvement is the after-school program,” Smith said. Darlington has a Boys and Girls Club and qualified for a 21st Century Grant a few years ago. The club and the grant allow the “kids to get a snack and help with homework.”

Smith said between 80 and 90 percent of the students stay after school for the “extra time to work on stuff.”

Tutoring has made a world of difference, he said. “It’s been instrumental with academic work,” Smith said. “A lot of them (students) enjoy it and want to stay.”

Smith said having this program allows students access to supplies, computers, tutors, and in some cases a safe environment.

“It gets kids off the street,” said Glenn Meriwether, former Darlington superintendent and director of the 21st

atmosphere of learning. That’s why we have the results we have.”

Smith said his teachers are encouraged and willing to go to various conferences and workshops. They “keep an eye out for any innovative thing that comes along,” Smith said. “It’s a team effort” because faculty and staff communicate with each other.

“We take input from teachers and employees,” and are focused on “what’s working” or “trying to find something to fix it, or something that will work,” he said. “We have that school team.”

Smith said the school does not “leap back and forth” between curriculum and decisions, but have to “be adaptable” to circumstances and the children.

“Kids have to be first,” Smith said. Children can’t help what happens to them, like arriving late, so Darlington’s teachers adapt, build trust and communicate with students and parents to try to fix the problem. “We have the mindset of what can I do for you,” he said.

“It pays dividends if you pay attention to your kids,” Meriwether said. He said many of the teachers understand their students and their home lives because they listen. “You can inspire them ... knowing kids makes them work.”

As they spoke, a young student arrived at school obviously late. Rather than being chastised, the youngster was told to “go get some breakfast in the kitchen and then get to class.”

Smith said he was pleased that the Leadership Canadian County class chose to visit Darlington. “It’s good for the membership of Leadership Canadian County. Most don’t know what goes on with the Boys and Girls Club.”

Mindy Mitchell, secretary for the Leadership Canadian County class, said the members were very impressed with what they saw at Darlington.

“They treated us well and gave us a good overview of the wonderful things they’re doing,” she said. David Murphy, co-coordinator of the Leadership class, echoed Mitchell’s statement.

“They told us their story. They work with kids after school with the Boys and Girls Club ... helping them stay caught up with one-on-one attention,” Murphy said.

As Meriwether put it to the Leadership class, as well as to the students in his after-school program, “If you want to be someone, you have to do well.”

Century after-school program.

“It’s not just one factor” that led to the school’s success, Smith said.

He said the staff and faculty have pride, and are willing to do almost anything to ensure the students succeed. Smith said the students know their teachers care about them, and reciprocate by working harder.

“For teachers to teach seven hours, and then continue another one to two hours of tutoring shows dedication,” Smith said. “When teachers are invested in education and are compassionate and committed, that creates an

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FIRST & SECOND PLACE WINNERS OF THE 2011 NATIVE AMERICAN JOURNALIST ASSOCIATION MEDIA AWARDS

Rising above with the help of basketball

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Kenny Dobbs, the world’s leading dunker, gives a demonstation of his dunk moves.

Marijuana, cocaine, crystal-meth user, repeated expulsion, high school dropout, thief, drug dealer and suicidal young man. Youth leader, school speaker, community leader and the world’s best street-ball dunker.

Kenny Dobbs’ rise from one side of life’s ledger to the other seems as implausible as his gravity-defying dunks. His life path defies the odds.

In professional slam-dunk contests, Dobbs is the leader, a street-ball mirror image of the NBA’s Blake Griffin.

People want him. Figures from his west Phoenix roots to Native American tribal leaders want him to share his journey, to deliver a message of hope.

Dobbs can earn up to \$20,000 for winning a dunk contest. He is sponsored by Nike and is hailed by Slam and Dime magazines as the best street-ball dunker.

But you do not know how far the 27-year-old has come until you know his depths as a youth.

“I know the battle between good and evil,” Dobbs said. “I’ve been the evil. I’ve been controlled by that. I know the thrill and enticement of living in that darkness. That’s what makes me do what I do.”

Dobbs grew up with the ideal family basics: a house, married parents who were loving providers, a sister, family vacations and camping trips.

His family “normal” included parties. While mom worked nights, dad entertained. At age 4 or 5, his godfather told him to take a sip of a beer. He did, not like dad with his mouth under the keg, though. The partiers laughed and Dobbs kept sipping.

At 7, there was a break-in at his west Phoenix house, and Dobbs saw dad pin the gun-toting arm of a man in the front door jamb. He now knows it was retaliation on a bad drug deal.

Dobbs did not know what the pieces of glass, white powder, straws and rolled dollar bills were for when he was a young boy, but he knew soon enough, and headed down the wrong path.

“Do as I say, not as I do,” Kenny Dobbs Sr. told his son. “Don’t be like me.”

The path was set, though. Dobbs’ dad said he tried to hide his drug habits, only to learn later that his son watched from a window or rooftop. When his mother, Cynthia, watered her garden, she unknowingly was watering her son’s marijuana plants, too.

Mom tried to shelter him but he saw enough at home when she was away. He was a wild one, jumping off roofs

and climbing poles. She moved him from public school to a Christian school but nothing could contain him. She gave her husband an ultimatum to clean up his life or lose his family. He did when Dobbs was 8, but young Kenny already had lost his way.

He was kicked out of third grade after he banged another kid’s head on the ground. More disruptions got him kicked out of fourth and sixth grades. He started smoking marijuana in fifth grade, making each day’s mission to smoke.

In high school, he created a network that eventually never required him to touch the drugs that he

sold.

“What I’d seen growing up didn’t make it like something I shouldn’t be doing,” Dobbs said. “It was just the way of life.”

His father kicked him out of the house at 15 when he found him sorting pounds of drugs on the kitchen table. The couch tour at friends’ homes began until he and a friend got an apartment, where they started selling cocaine. That required more money, so they stole alcohol from grocery stores to sell or to stage parties.

“If it wasn’t for God, I wouldn’t have made it,” Cynthia Dobbs said. “I had to relive this all over from my husband Kenny to my son.”

Dobbs said he attended eight high schools, starting each school year at Glendale Independence until he was kicked out.

“I only went to school to see girls and sell drugs,” Dobbs said. “My lifestyle every week was drugs, parties and fights.”

The closest Dobbs came to playing sports in high school was making a baseball field with cocaine on a table, snorting a line while proclaiming, “He’s rounding first.”

Dobbs estimates he evaded police nine times for parties or thefts but this cat had only nine lives.

Dobbs and his friends tried a new venture, a furniture store. When they could not get money, they grabbed bean bags and bolted but were tailed. A slew of patrol cars gave chase. Dobbs jumped fences, went through neighbors’ backyards and hid in an apartment-complex staircase as a patrol helicopter passed. He thought he had avoided consequences until he went home and his marijuana and alcohol celebration was interrupted by police.

His friends had snitched.

Dobbs was 17 but he was told he was facing six to nine years in adult prison for attempted robbery and evading police. His parents re-entered the picture and he returned to their house. But the arrest and pending case did not change him.

The Dobbs home sits in a highly visible area on 75th Avenue near Indian School Road but that did not stop a group from blasting the house one night with shotguns. Bullets hit the cars and shattered windows, including the bedroom where his sister Candice, then 15, was asleep. Dobbs was not there but returned after a night of partying. His key did not work. He banged on the door.

“My mom answered and looked at me in disappointment, slapped my face and said, ‘What are you doing with your life? It’s not just affecting you but your baby sister could be dead because of you,’ “ Dobbs said. “I started thinking about how selfish I’d been. It put me in a new mind frame. I always thought I’d get out of any situation but my family was sitting ducks.”

All those prayers that Cynthia and Kenny Dobbs had put in at Glory of the Lord Christian Church for their son over the course of a decade were answered. On Dobbs’ court date, the police officer and a witness did not show up. The attorney called it a miracle. Dobbs was free except for \$5,000 in fees.

“I gave God my word that I’d change my life if he kept me out of jail,” Dobbs said.

Dobbs went back to school. Determined to get a diploma rather than a GED, he went from three credits to graduating by attending an accelerated program by day and online classes at night. He became a youth leader at the family’s church. He took jobs that did not pay like drugs but would keep him straight, but there was more trouble lurking.

He still had not escaped his demons.

With his first daughter born, a checkered past and an unknown future, Dobbs hit bottom. He downed a bottle of prescription pain pills and drank alcohol, staying in his car for two days.

“I felt like I couldn’t wake up,” said Dobbs, who eventually went home and to the hospital. “Another day like that and the doctors said I would’ve died. It was a sense of hopelessness. All you can see is the past and not beyond it. The mountain looks so high that you feel hopeless to get around it.”

He rediscovered basketball, a sport he loved when his dad bought him a hoop at age 10 and he would lower the rim for dunking. He considered playing for an ABA all-Native American team, but got in a car accident. He walked on at Glendale Community College but never made it to the season, discovering dunk contests that summer and choosing a \$500 prize over a possible scholarship.

Meanwhile, he had taken a mail-room job with the Department of Health Services and turned it into an administrative-assistant role. He took notes for his boss at a meeting about drugs, suicide and gang-prevention programs. He shared his story, and a new job as the chair of a youth advisory council

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Photo by Charlie Leight

Motivational speaker and basketball dunker extraordinaire Kenny Dobbs thanks each student for coming as they leave his demonstration at Raul H. Castro Middle School in Phoenix, Ariz.

He talked to them about showing respect to other students and being aware of bullying, part of his AZ Uprising motivational school presentation.

Feb. 8 marks the 125th anniversary of the passage of the Dawes Act

“...the real aim of [the Dawes Act] is to get at the Indians land and open it up for resettlement.” - Senator Henry M. Teller, 1881

The United States Government has been trying unsuccessfully to register Native American Indians for over a hundred years. The infamous Dawes Act of 1887 was the first such effort on a large-scale. The purported aim of the Act was to protect Indian property rights during the Oklahoma Land Rush. By registering, Indians were told, they would be allotted 160 acres of land per family in advance of the Land Rush and thus be restituted for 100 years of genocide against them.

The purpose of the Dawes Act, ostensibly to protect Indian welfare, was viewed with suspicion by many Indians hurt by government’s clumsy relocation efforts of the past. Indians who had refused to submit to previous relocations refused to register on the Dawes Rolls for fear that they would be caught and punished.

To get on the Dawes Rolls, Native Americans had to “anglicize” their names. Rolling Thunder thus became Ron Thomas and so forth. This bit of “melting pot” chicanery allowed agents of the government, sent to the frontier to administer the Act, to slip the names of their relatives and friends onto the Dawes Rolls and thus reap millions of acres of land for their friends and cronys.

The abuses of the Dawes Act were revealed and set forth in the Miriam Report of 1928. A Group of 1001 Native Americans and prominent citizens were charged by Congress to look into widespread allegations of corruption and abuse of the Dawes Act. The 800 page report documented massive fraud and misappropriation by the very government agents sent to administer the Act. It was found in one state alone that Indian held land, which totaled 138 million acres in 1887 at the time the Dawes Act was signed into law, had been reduced to 47 million acres of land by 1934 when the Act was

repealed.

The Miriam Report led to the repeal of the Dawes Act although repeal did not mean that land obtained thru fraud was restored. The Indian Reorganization Act of 1934, written specifically to indemnify Native Americans for the abuses of the Dawes Act simply “grandfathered in” the existing deeds and that was that.

As compensation, Indians were to benefit from a credit fund designed to encourage small businesses and self-sufficiency. The government stepped up efforts to recruit Natives into posts in the Bureau of Indian Affairs, set up an Indian Court system to deal with non-federal crimes, and established a mechanism for Indians to pool their land, purchase new parcels and own land as a corporate entity.

By 1954, it had become clear that the Indian Reorganization Act of 1934 was failing. Implementation of the Act was plagued by the same incompetence and corruption created by the Dawes Act.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs in 1954, therefore, initiated the ominous sounding “Termination and Relocation” phase of the Reorganization Act. Funding for the programs of the IRA of 1934 was abruptly cut off causing thousands of bankruptcies and painful dislocation among the tribes. In addition, this new law removed government recognition of 61 tribes leaving hundreds of thousands of Native Americans unqualified for government assistance. Whether this was an administrative convenience or a design to eliminate pesky tribal property claims, the net result was yet another arbitrary appropriation of property inflicted on Native Americans, many of whom are fighting in the courts to this day to get their rights back.

On February 20 President Clinton took a call on World News Tonight from a young Lumbee Indian girl who asked the President why she was still being denied her heritage. The President and Peter Jennings both looked dumbstruck. Both

confessed to being unaware of the problem and the President promised to “look into it.”

The Lumbee are a tribe of over 40,000 Indians located in North Carolina who were “erased” by the Termination and Relocation Act of 1954. “Sorry, the government says you no longer exist but, Have a Nice Day!”

The Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990

“Legislators consistently vote on legislation without understanding what is in it, especially when the final vote is taken.” - Senator H.L. RichardsonWhat Makes You Think We Read The Bills?”

It is not commonly known that it was only in 1924 that the U.S. Congress generously extended citizenship to all Native American Indians, a privilege, they had never enjoyed up until that point.

The Orwellian absurdity of government handling of Indian affairs has now reached a new height.

Public Law 101-644, the Indian Arts and Crafts Act of 1990, was passed on the hectic last day of the congressional session, a Saturday and signed by President Bush on Nov. 29, 1990. The purpose of the law, in addition to attempting to rectify the mess created by 100 years of incompetant legislation, was to protect Native American craftsmen and women from the flood of counterfeit Native American arts and crafts from Taiwan and beyond.

This perfectly plausible objective was expanded beyond the realm of jewelry and other Native crafts to include all art produced by those who are certifiably Indian. Under the 1990 Act, Indian Artisans may not use the words “Native American Artisan” to sell crafts they produce unless they are certified as genuine Indians by the Federal Government. The language of the 1990 Act defines an Indian as “any individual who is a

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Education Horizons

Submitted article

Kyle Haverstrom attains Master of Science Degree



Kyle Haverstrom

Tribal student, Kyle Haverstrom, has attained a Master of Science Degree in Medical Sciences, which was awarded to him on Aug. 5, 2011.

Kyle attended the University of South Florida (USF) where he majored in Medical Sciences: Molecular Medicine. Kyle hopes to be an aspiring Orthopedic Surgeon one of these days. While at USF he was a starter for the USF Ice Hockey team. His team went to regional championships twice.

Kyle has taken leadership roles with his team, such as secretary, vice treasurer and treasurer. He was chosen to be an academic all-American two times for the American Collegiate Hockey Association (ACHA).

While on the hockey team Kyle participated in volunteer work such as Toys for Tots, Shriner’s Hospital, Susan G. Komen fund and Habitat for Humanity. Another volunteer work he participated in was taking stuffed animals and other toys for the cancer wing at Children’s Hospital Scottish Rite in Atlanta, Georgia.

Kyle has been involved in helping a young girl, who has a

rare form of cancer. Each year his team hosted a tournament and dedicated all proceeds to help her family with her medical expenses. In 2008 they raised \$2,500 for her and in 2009 they raised \$4,000 to assist her and her family.

Kyle assisted as a Coach for the USA Hockey Southeastern Select 13 festival, which was such an honor for him since selections are usually made from the best amateur hockey players in the southeast for their age group.

Kyle has been a volunteer at St. Josephs Hospital in the emergency room and has shadowed two orthopedic surgeons and two neurosurgeons, so he could gain more experience in that medical field. He was often allowed into the operating rooms.

Kyle has also worked for Walt Disney World, for Adventure Island (a local water park in Tampa; the NHL team, and the Tampa Bay Lightning, doing all volunteer work while a full time student and still maintaining a 3.6 GPA.

Kyle credits his adopted parents Lillian and James Haverstrom for his educational accomplishments. Kyle plans to study for the MCAT test, pass the test and apply to medical school.

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Department of Education is extremely proud of tribal member, Kyle, and will provide available assistance to him so he can continue his extraordinary educational endeavors. He has been honored with a gift of a Pendleton blanket, which is given to tribal members who achieve a master’s degree or higher degree. The gift of a Pendleton blanket has been an honor used throughout Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal history.

R.E.Sp.E.C.T. sponsors youth for Jim Thorpe Games

The Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Program will be sponsoring any tribal youth who wish to compete in the Jim Thorpe Games, June 10-17, 2012 in Oklahoma City.

If you have a child that is interested or want to put a youth team together, please contact the Concho R.E.Sp.E.C.T. office at (405) 422-7570 and speak with Carrie Whitlow or Reggie Island.

The **DEADLINE** to enter at the R.E.Sp.E.C.T. office is **Feb. 29, 2012**. The age divisions we will be helping for the Jim Thorpe games are :

Baseball (Boys)	12 and Under
12 and Under	14 and Under
14 and Under	15-19
Softball (Girls)	12 and Under
12 and Under	14 and Under
14 and Under	15-19
Basketball (Boys and Girls, NOT CO-Ed)	12 and Under
	14 and Under
	16 and Under
	19 and Under
	Tennis (Boys and Girls)
	14 and Under Singles
	18 and Under Singles
	14 and Under Doubles
	18 and Under Doubles
	Wrestling (Boys and Girls)
	Must be born after 9/1/92 through 2005 (Call for weight classes)
	Volleyball (Boys and Girls)
	Youth and Co-Ed
	Track and Field (Boys and Girls – All Events)
	14 and Under
	High School Division
	Martial Arts (Boys and Girls Divisions)
	5 years-19 years
	Cross Country (Boys and Girls)
	14 and Under
	18 and Under
	19-22
	Golf (Boys and Girls)
	14 and Under
	18 and Under

SCHOOL CLOTHING PROGRAM

RECEIPT EXTENSION

Parents/applicants must submit all original receipts to SCP by February 29, 2012. Receipts for school clothing purchased before receiving SCP funds will be accepted, as long as the date is not before July 1, 2011.

List the applicant's name and enrollment number on all receipts prior to submission. If you have any questions, please contact SCP.

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Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

2012 Department of Education

Community Outreach Meetings

“WIN A BIG SCREEN TV”

ALL MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6 P.M.

Feb. 15-Weatherford/Thomas Middle School Cafeteria

Feb. 22-Seiling School Cafeteria

Feb. 29-OKCPS Administration Building Auditorium, 900 N. Klein, Oklahoma City

March 7-Kingfisher High School Cafeteria

In an effort to promote these Education meetings and get parents involved each adult attending the meeting in your community will receive one ticket for a chance to win a big screen TV. The drawing will be held in March after the final Education community meeting and the winner will be notified.

JUNE 10-17, 2012

JIM THORPE

NATIVE AMERICAN GAMES

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA.

Join us for an exciting week of athletic competition in Oklahoma City, June 10-17, 2012

Athletes representing Indian nations, bands and tribes from across the United States and Canada gather to share their talents in the spirit of the “World’s Greatest Athlete” and Native American Legend....Jim Thorpe!

The games will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Jim Thorpe’s medal winning performances in the 1912 Olympic Games in Sweden.

Featuring 11 sports:

Softball, Basketball, Baseball, Golf, Tennis, Track & Field, Cross Country, Wrestling, Stickball, Martial Arts, Beach Volleyball, 5K Run

*Plus an Oklahoma Native American High School All Star Football Game

*Youth and Adult Divisions in most sports. Entry form can be downloaded off the website.

Additional Children’s activities and competitions such as Children’s Art Tent, NFL Punt, Pass & Kick Competition and Triple Threat Basketball Skills Challenge

For more information contact, Annetta Abbott: 1-855-ITGAMES (1-855-584-2637) or aabbott@jimthorpegames.com

www.jimthorpegames.com

Notice to all Disabled Individuals

To all person with disabilities living in the following counties: Beckham, Blaine, Canadian, Custer, Dewey, Kingfisher, Major, Roger Mills, Washita, Woodward and Ellis county. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes Vocational Rehabilitation program will open for a review of the policies for the program.

This policy review will take place on Feb. 23, 2012, 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Cheyenne and Arapaho Education Building in Room 132, 200 Wolf Robe Circle Concho, Okla. (located next door to the Community Center).

For more information or questions, call (888) 284-7725 or (405) 422-7617.

Free Estate Planning Services

What Is Offered? - Estate planning provided by Oklahoma City University School of Law students under the supervision of a licensed attorney and clinical law professor.

Who Is Eligible? - Any American Indian who is a resident of the State of Oklahoma. Preference is given to those who own Indian land.

How Much Does it Cost? - No cost. Thanks to a generous anonymous

donation, the work of the wills clinic is provided to clients free of charge.

Who Do I Contact? - To schedule an appointment or for more information contact Lori Harless, Program Coordinator of the American Indian Wills Clinic at (405) 208-5017.

When and Where?- Wills Service Date – on site, March 2nd, at the Native American Church Center in Concho (by appointment only).

Cheyenne and Arapaho Housing Authority Mandatory Community Meetings

ATTENTION ALL HOMEBUYERS: Each homebuyer is required to attend at least one of the following meetings listed below. All meetings begin at 6 p.m.

Feb. 21-Thomas, Weatherford-*Pioneer Center*

Feb. 23-Watonga, Geary-*Watonga Community Hall*

Feb. 28-Elk City, Hammon *Elk City Clarion Inn Conference Room*

Feb. 29-Clinton-*Clinton Housing Conference Room*

The purpose of these informational meetings is to benefit the participants in the homeownership program. Home maintenance issues will be covered as well as various other topics to help you as the homebuyer to become more knowledgeable regarding your home, programs and policies pertaining to the housing authority.

For more information call (580) 331-2400.

Powwows & Events CALENDAR

Tulsa Indian Art Festival

Feb. 16-18, 2012 at the Glenpool Conference Center, Hwy. 75 and 121st Street in Tulsa, Okla. Entry forms can be found at www.indianartfestival.com.

Thunder on the Beach Powwow

Feb. 17, 2012 at the Indian Rivery County Fairgrounds in Vero Beach, Fla. For more information call (772) 567-1579, email deedee1579@aol.com or visit www.thunderonthebeachpowwow.net.

Lucky Star Casino presents Loretta Lynn

Feb. 18, 2012 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the casino box office. Call (405) 262-7612 or visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

The Arrington -McSpadden All Indian Rodeo

Feb. 18, 2012 in Tahlequah, Okla. Sponsored by the Arrington-McSpadden All Indian Rodeo Association. For more information email dwrshirley@aol.com.

The 14th annual United San Antonio Powwow

Feb. 18-19, 2012 at the Alzafar Shrine Temple, 901 N Loop 1604 West in San Antonio, Texas. For more information contact Erwin DeLuna at (210) 736-3702 or email NativeAmerican@netscape.net. Vendor applications available.

Cheyenne and Arapaho Post 401 American Legion Meeting

Feb. 23, 2012 at the Redlands Community College in El Reno, Okla. Swearing in of new officers. Meeting begins at 6 p.m. Dinner is \$7.50 per plate. For more information call (580) 547-4400.

Lucky Star Casino presents BB King

Feb. 24, 2012 at the Lucky Star Event Center in Concho, Okla. Doors open at 7 p.m. Show begins at 8 p.m. Tickets are available at the casino box office. Call (405) 262-7612 or visit www.luckystarcasino.org.

The third annual Hoops Basketball Tournament-Men’s 5 on 5

Feb. 25, 2011-Entry fee is \$110 and deadline is Feb. 22, 2012. For more information contact Cristine Hooper-Ben at (918) 316-1111.

Monster Jam

Feb. 25-26, 2012 at the Chesapeake Energy Arena. USH-RA Monster Trucks and more. Adults \$18 and children \$5. Saturday shows at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday shows at 2 p.m. For more information or for tickets call (405) 602-8700 or visit www.chesapeakearena.com.

FREE National Pancake Day

7 a.m.-10 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 28, 2012 at any IHOP Restaurant. Free short stack of buttermilk pancakes to each guest. Optional contributions can be made to the Children’s Miracle Network or other charities. For more information visit www.ihoppancakeday.com.

Watonga Trout Derby

March 2-4, 2012 at Roman Nose State Park. Junior division ages 17 and younger, senior division ages 18 and older. Pre-registration available online or in person at the Watonga Chamber of Commerce. Cost is \$10 for junior division and \$20 for senior division. For more information call (580) 623-5452 or visit www.watongachamber.com.

Memorial for Elsie Harrison Bushyhead

March 3, 2012 at the Watonga Fairgrounds in Watonga, Okla. Paint Ceremony at 1 p.m. followed by lunch. Gourd dancing at 2:30 p.m. Supper at 4:30 p.m. Please bring chairs. For more information call (405) 206-5402.

Native American Pre-Law Day

March 3, 2012 at the University of Tulsa College of Law in Tulsa, Okla. Event begins at 8:15 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Space is limited and registration is on first come firsts serve basis. Register by Feb. 21, 2012 by calling (918) 631-2406 or at lawadmissions@utulsa.edu.

The third annual Gainesville Student Benefit powwow

March 3, 2012 at the Gainesville High School gymnasium, 2201 S. I-35 Hwy. in Gainesville, Texas. For more information call (580) 328-4979.

The 2012 Oklahoma City Princess Honor Dance

March 17, 2012 at the Heart of Oklahoma Expo Center, 1700 W. Independence in Shawnee, Okla. For more information contact Shirley Wapskineh at (405) 632-5227 or by email at swapskineh@sbcglobal.net.

Miss Indian Oklahoma City Competition and Performance

6:30 p.m., March 23, 2012 at 3801 S.E. 29th Street in Del City, Okla. For more information contact Shirley Wapskineh at (405) 632-5227 or by email at swapskineh@sbcglobal.net.

Denver March Powwow

March 23-25, 2012 at the Denver Coliseum in Denver, Colo. For more information visit www.denvermarchpowwow.org.

Birthday/Graduation Dance for Shelsie Mae White Thunder (DiggingBear)

March 31, 2012 at the Concho Community Center in Concho, Okla. \$500 winner take all. For more information contact Sheldon, Shelby or Tommy White Thunder at (405) 598-1596 or (405) 598-0378.

Married over a half century

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Earl "Babe" Lyman Littleman



Ada White Eagle Littleman

"We would go all over for softball tournaments and sporting events. All the kids were good in sports, football, track

said. Ada and Earl's life centered on their children and they believed in having fun, laughing a lot and spending time as a family together. "We always did things as a family, we would go fishing and eat out there, pick plums, we played a lot of softball and I used to buy these big puzzles ... you know with a 1,000 pieces and we would all sit around putting these puzzles together. Sometimes it would take us three or four days to get one finished," Earl said looking over at Ada. He smiled and said, "Ever since I was little everyone has called me Babe, like in Babe Ruth ... I thought about having my name officially changed to Babe Lyman. We had a lot of fun times playing softball."

Ada and Earl said there were always kids at their home and there were always games being played, volleyball, basketball, and softball. They both remembered a lot of fun times while their children were growing up.

and softball ... and now all the grandchildren are really good in sports," Earl said. Earl said one of the secrets to a good marriage is to just keep going and pull together the best way you can. "We did everything as a family, we always had our kids around and always had a lot of fun," Earl laughs, "Nowadays we don't have as much fun because we are both stuck in these chairs (wheel-chairs) but we still like to go to powwows and get out as much as we can." Ada and Earl's grandson, Elmer and his wife of 15 years, Misty has taken on the role of caregivers for Ada and Earl. "We wanted to keep them out of the nursing home and allow them to stay in their home, the only home they have ever known," Misty said. "They really love to go to powwows and watch their grandchildren dance, we go to the park and make a lot of trips to Wal-Mart." Earl laughed and said, "I always tell them Wal-Mart's closed today, we can't go in." Though Ada suffers from Parkinson disease and Earl from arthritis, they both enjoy spending time together beading and still getting out to attend tribal functions and powwows. "Staying married 54 years is hard, it really is, but you have to continue on and overlook the small things, the small stuff



Photo by Misty Tsatigh

Earl and Ada Littleman in front of their home in Seiling, Okla.

really doesn't matter. Think about tomorrow and there is more in life to come," Earl said. Both Earl and Ada agreed that laughter, having fun with your family and a strong spiritual life is what's important in a relationship. For newlyweds Earl and Ada have this to say, "hold on to each other, kiss each other every night and go on with your lives no matter what comes. In the words of their granddaughter-in-law, Misty, "Life is a lot easier when you go through life with your best friend like grandma and grandpa has done."

Love every after

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Submitted photo

Cecil Gray proposes to Hauli Warrior during a powwow in Stroud, Okla.

The couple shared a laugh together and went on to share the memory of how Cecil chose to propose to Hauli. "Growing up I have been told several different stories about the Native American Flute and of its origin. But there is one story that I love," Cecil said as he proceeded to share how he wanted to show his love for Hauli when he asked her to marry him. "There was a warrior man who was in love with a chief's daughter but the warrior came from a poor family and a man of his stature could never be with a chief's daughter. So he began his journey and praying to the Lord and asked God how he could show forth his love for the young woman. One night he had a dream. In his dream God told him that there was a Cedar tree in the forest and that he should go to it and that he would find a branch that the insects had hollowed out and a woodpecker had pecked holes into. God told him to break it off from the tree and take the branch back to the camp and blow into it. The Lord told him by the sound the branch makes, the young lady will know how much you love her. So he went outside of her tipi and began to play the branch (flute) with a love song for her and she fell in love with him."

Cecil said he wanted to do the same for Hauli when he decided to propose to Hauli. "I wanted to play the flute for her and I knew Hauli's favorite song is *Wonderful Tonight* by Eric Clapton. I had a friend, Oliver Plumley, and he was going to school for music at the time so I asked him to help me learn how to play the song on the flute," Cecil said. Hauli sat beside Cecil smiling as he shared the memory of the night he proposed. "I knew I wanted to do it on Saturday night Oct. 8, the night of our anniversary. So I called the powwow committee and explained to them what I had planned. I really did not know what to expect, but they were excited and all for it. I wanted to be respectful as I possibly could so I knew I had to get her parents' blessing. I arranged to meet with her parents and ask for their blessing and I expressed my love for Hauli to them. You would think I would have been nervous about asking for their approval but I wasn't. I was confident in how I felt and what I wanted and how I wanted to care for her. They were accepting and gave me their blessing," Cecil said. Hauli said she was there at her parents' house when Cecil was asking for their blessing. "I think I was outside playing with the dog or something and I was clueless, did not even know what was going on," Hauli said. Cecil said he was careful in who he told his plan to so that it would not get back to Hauli. Cecil started smiling at Hauli and continued sharing. "I had never played the flute and it was the Monday before the Saturday night of the powwow. I had not heard from Oliver yet, so I asked my dad if he would play the guitar as I sang the song to her as a back up plan. That night Oliver called me and said he had the sheet music for the song," Cecil said. "I did not have a flute so Oliver let me borrow his. I really wanted something special for her. So it is my first time ever playing a flute and I am blowing into it and it is making all kinds of crazy noises ... I am practicing all week and I am just not able to play the song. I just can't get it."



Photo by Rosemary Stephens

Cecil Gray and Hauli Warrior on their wedding day, Oct. 8, 2011.

Hauli said that all of her family and Cecil's family attended the powwow that Saturday evening on Oct. 8. "I am still clueless, I had no idea what was going on even with all of my family there, which was strange cause some of them never go to powwows," Hauli said. "Then I was called out to the arena. Cecil had a flute in his hand and he started to play my favorite song." Cecil said that before he started to play the flute he had the MC talk about their story and how they had met. "I had never seen him play the flute. I knew he had a flute cause he had showed it to me. I was so clueless I really had no idea what was going on or about to happen. But he did seem so different that night," Hauli said as she remembered that special day, "I stood there in tears, I really tried not to cry ... but I could not hold back." Before entering the arena to propose to Hauli Cecil said he asked God to help him play the song. "I was so nervous about playing the flute but that came out the easiest. I finished playing the flute and we were both in the arena ... it was quite and full of people watching us. I got down one knee and told her that I knew she was the woman I wanted to spend the rest of my life with. I told her I loved her and asked her to marry me. When she said yes and I tried to put the ring on her finger but my hands were shaking so bad," Cecil said as he looked at Hauli sitting next to him. "It went more perfect than I could even have planned it. God helped me play the song for her and it just came out so beautifully." Hauli and Cecil said that their strength in their relationship is from God. "We are one person, one flesh and the more we are together the stronger our love gets," Cecil said. "To the point of when we have conversations we finish each other's sentences." Hauli said she continues to fall in love with Cecil more and more as each day passes. So on Oct. 8, 2011 at the Glorietta Baptist Church in Oklahoma City, Cecil and Hauli promised to love, honor and cherish each other, each day, for the rest of their lives.

Rising above

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began. He toured Arizona, sharing his turnaround with 32 focus groups and then even to Washington D.C.

Dobbs chaired the council for three years but decided to marry his two interests by creating UpRise Youth Movement, his business of speaking to youth and sharing his dunking gifts.

As his dunk stature took off, so did the demand to perform and speak to kids. He initially just showed up with his 45-inch vertical leap until he missed out on a \$10,000 grand prize two years ago.

“I vowed I’d never be that unprepared again,” Dobbs said.

He worked out routines daily in the gym, researched competitors and watched old NBA Slam Dunk contests to inspire creativity. He toured with Flying 101, getting \$500 per event and partnered with ballislife.com, a mix-making team, that produced a YouTube video of his arsenal that has nearly a million views in 14 months.

His sponsors include Sprite and Nike, who feature him to promote the N7 program serving Native American communities. He also is a Native American Basketball Invitational ambassador.

Dobbs, a divorced father of two daughters, makes from

\$1,000 to \$20,000 per contest he wins but also does weekly shows. He has performed annually the past three years in Romania, Netherlands, France, Great Britain and Ivory Coast. In February, Sprite will tour him through the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Ecuador, Costa Rica, Bahamas and Brazil.

“Others do it for fame and glory,” Dobbs said. “They love the hood fame of it all. A lot don’t have a plan. I treat it like a boxing match. I study his power punch. I’m going to do his best dunk before he does it. They get this blank stare because they don’t have a counter.”

Dobbs threw his life a counter-punch and teaches kids to fight for their own lives. His honest, forthright way reaches kids who are more willing to listen to a guy who just amazed them with his dunks. NABI CEO GinaMarie Scarpa calls him the “Pied Piper” for kids.

“You’ve got to turn the soil and lay new seeds,” Dobbs tells the kids.

It is not just boys. A girl approached him after a recent assembly and revealed that she had tried suicide the previous night over her parents’ abuse and her drug use.

Pendergast Elementary School Principal Mike Woolsey asked Dobbs to come to his west Phoenix campus. He said

Dobbs is bigger than Steve Nash there because he is more real to them.

“The kids love the dunks but his honesty and background really captures them,” Woolsey said. “He comes down to the students’ level. We can’t be their friend. He’s coming as a friend. His background hits them at the right time because they’re making decisions to deal with the temptations of alcohol and gangs. Having him as an angel on their shoulders saying, ‘Don’t do it because you don’t want to go through what I had to go through,’ is a reality check.”

The people that Dobbs’ work touches the most are his parents, now married for 28 years. His father changed his life and his son eventually took that lead to do it for himself. His mother held the family responsible and made choices that were harder on her than her son.

His father proudly wore a T-shirt featuring his son to an LA Fitness, when a man excitedly approached him and said, “That guy is in there now.”

Dobbs is that guy, the one whose ascension to the rim mirrors his life’s rise.

“I’ve been nothing,” Dobbs said. “I was nothing. It wasn’t easy at all. God has blessed me.”

Oklahoma River Trails site for March 10 Red Earth Run



OKLAHOMA CITY, OK – The annual Red Earth Run, a 10k, 5k and one-mile Fun Walk, has a new date but a familiar location for its 2012 edition. Nearly 500 runners are expected to participate in the Red Earth Run scheduled March 10, 2012 at Regatta Park and River Trails along the Oklahoma River in downtown Oklahoma City. The event is sponsored by Tinker Federal Credit Union.

“The success of our previous events has encouraged us to make the 2012 Red Earth Run a stand alone event on Saturday, March 10,” said Darius Jackson, Red Earth Run Chairman. “Our 10k, 5k and 1-mile Fun Walk is a perfect warm up for the Oklahoma City Memorial Marathon scheduled just seven weeks after us on April 29.”

The Red Earth Run is a US Track and Field Association sanctioned event featuring electronic chip timing. It is produced in conjunction with DG Productions. Pro-

ceeds benefit Red Earth, Inc which operates the Red Earth Museum & Gallery in downtown Oklahoma City.

Awards are presented to overall male and female runners and three deep in standard five-year age groups. The Run is open people of all ages

Pre-registration is \$25 adults and \$20 students 18 and under. Race registration includes a t-shirt. Pre-registration can be made online at www.signmeup.com/81181 or Friday, March 9, 2012 from 10 a.m. -6 p.m. at the Tinker Credit Union Community Room, 1117 NE 23rd Street in Oklahoma City.

Race day registration begins at 7 a.m. and is \$30 adults and \$25 students (18 and under). Race day registration does not guarantee a t-shirt. The race starts at Regatta Park next to the Chesapeake Boathouse, 701 South Lincoln Blvd., just south of the new I-40 Crosstown Expressway and Bass Pro Shop. The race is run along the northern shores of the Oklahoma River.

Red Earth is a non-profit 501 (c) 3 with a mission to promote the rich traditions of American Indian arts and cultures through education, a premier festival, a museum and fine art markets.

Objectors of Native American settlement revealed

By Matt Volz

Helena, Mont. (AP)-Carol Good Bear started getting the calls about a week ago, after the attorneys who had negotiated a \$3.4 billion settlement over misspent Native American land royalties published the phone numbers and addresses of the four people objecting to the deal.

At first, the resident of New Town, N.D., hung up on the angry voices at the other end. After 15 calls, she unplugged her home phone and started screening her cell phone calls.

She said she worries for her safety now that her address is in the hands of hundreds of thousands of people who might blame her for holding up their money.

“To put my name out there for the public, I think that’s scary that these attorneys would use this tactic and intimidate me into dropping my appeal,” Good Bear said. “I don’t have protection. If somebody is upset about all this and comes at me with a gun, what am I supposed to do?”

The attorneys who published the Jan. 20 open letter represent up to 500,000 plaintiffs in the class-action lawsuit named after Elouise Cobell, the Blackfeet woman from Montana who spent nearly 16 years trying to hold the U.S. government accountable for more than a century’s worth of mismanaged Native American accounts.

The lawsuit claims U.S. officials stole or squandered billions of dollars in royalties owed for land leased for oil, gas, grazing and other uses.

Cobell died in October, just months after a federal judge approved the largest government class-action settlement in U.S. history.

Under the settlement, \$1.4 billion would go to individual Native American account holders. Some \$2 billion would be used by the government to buy up fractionated tribal lands from individual owners willing to sell, and then turn those lands over to tribes. Another \$60 million would be used for a scholarship fund for young Natives.

The settlement took a year to push through Congress, then months for final judicial approval. After the settlement was approved, Good Bear and three other people filed separate objections, each for different reasons.

Those appeals must be heard by a federal appeals court before any money from the settlement can be distributed, with the first scheduled to be heard Feb. 16, 2012.



Courtesy photo
Eloise Cobell

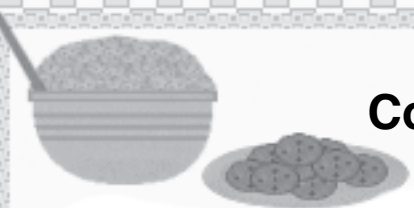
The plaintiffs’ attorneys, led by Dennis Gingold of Washington, D.C., wrote in their letter that the “hopes and wishes of 500,000 individual Indians” had been delayed by those four people. If it wasn’t for them, the first payments would have been made before Thanksgiving, the letter said.

“There is little doubt that they do not share the desires or care about the needs of the class, over 99.9 percent of whom support a prompt conclusion to this long-running, acrimonious case,” the attorneys wrote.

The letter went on to list the names, phone numbers and addresses of Good Bear; Kimberly Craven of Boulder, Co.; Charles Colombe of Mission, S.D.; and Mary Lee Johns of Lincoln, Neb. The attorneys invited people to “ask them directly about their motives” and cautioned them to “please be civil in your communications.”

The letter was published in the “Ask Elouise” email that updates class members on the settlement and also was published on at least one website dealing with Native American issues.

Gingold said Monday that he was preparing for oral argument on *Native American settlement*, page 8



Ultimate Cornbread

Cooking with USDA Foods

*Recipes furnished by the
Cheyenne & Arapaho Food Distribution Program*



2 ½ cups Bakery mix
1 cup sugar
2/3 cup cornmeal
¼ tsp baking powder
¼ tsp ground nutmeg
2 eggs
1 ¼ cups milk
1 ¼ cups butter, melted

In a large bowl, combine the first five ingredients. In another bowl, whisk the eggs, milk, and butter; stir into the dry ingredients just until moistened. Pour into a greased 9-inch square baking pan.

Bake at 350° for 30-35 minutes or until a toothpick inserted near the center comes out clean. Cool for 15 minutes before cutting. Serve warm.

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BRIEFS

Basic Indian Law
March 14-15, 2012 in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

The 35th annual Conference on American Indian Education
March 15-17, 2012 at the Humboldt State University in Arcata, Calif. For more information visit www.humboldt.edu.

The 11th annual Native Women and Men’s Wellness Conference
March 18-22, 2012 at the Rancho Bernardo Inn in San Diego, Calif. For more information visit www.aio.edu.

The 30th annual Native American Financial Officers Association Conference
March 20-21, 2012 at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, LA. For more information or to register visit www.nafoa.org.

Progressive Governance for Tribal Council and

Board Members
March 27-28, 2012 in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information or to register visit www.dciamerica.com.

The 15th annual Tribal Environmental Summit
March 28-30, 2012 at the Doubletree Downtown Hotel in Tulsa, Okla. For more information or to register visit www.itecmembers.org.

The second annual Oklahoma Native American Economic Development Conference
March 29-30, 2012 at the Renaissance Convention Center in Oklahoma City. For more information visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 2012 Indian Gaming Tradeshow and Convention
April 1-4, 2012 at the San Diego Convention Center in San Diego, Calif. For more information visit www.indiangaming.org.

The 2012 National Fo-

rum on Dropout Prevention for Native and Tribal Communities
April 15-18, 2012 at the Sheraton Crescent Hotel in Phoenix, Ariz. For more information visit www.dropoutprevention.org.

The third annual Native American Health Care Conference
April 16-17, 2012 at the Cosmopolitan in Las Vegas, Nev. For more information or to register visit www.nativenationevents.org.

The 33rd annual Na-

tional Indian and Native American Employment and Training Conference
April 22-27, 2012 at the Paragon Casino Resort in Marsville, LA. For more information visit www.ninaetc.net.

The 13th annual Native Secretaries and Administrative Assistants Conference
April 24-26, 2012 at the Sandia Casino and Resort in Albuquerque, N.M. For more information visit www.dciamerica.com.

Dawes Act

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member of an Indian tribe or is certified as an Indian artisan by an Indian tribe.” Sounds harmless enough doesn’t it?

The problems begin in the certification process. It’s not enough that you were born to Indian parents. Nor is it enough for a Native American to trace his lineage back to the time of Christ. First of all, the applicant must be able to prove he was born in a tribe that is officially recognized by the U.S. Government. As I mentioned above, the 1954 Termination and Relocation Act of 1954 arbitrarily erased 61 tribes. Secondly, an applicant must prove he or she was born to officially recognized Indian parents. This also sounds simple enough, on the surface. The problem is that many Native Americans cannot obtain the necessary documents thanks to relocations going back to the early 1800s, the confusion created by the Dawes Act, the compounded confusion created by the Termination and Relocation Act, and the prevailing 3rd world conditions existing in the majority of tribal homelands.

The point is, many genuine Indian artists cannot obtain certification under the Act. Their ancestral tribes may have been dissolved long ago. No authority remains by which they can obtain certification even if they wanted to. Thousands of Kickapoos, Potawatamis, Cheyennes, Sioux, Arapahoes, Blackfeet, Lumbees and others have been legislated out of artistic existence. Thousands of Indian families whose livelihoods depend on selling arts and crafts have just had those livelihoods arbitrarily confiscated, courtesy of the U.S. Government.

Native American settlement

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ments and could not comment on the letter.

Good Bear and Johns, who agreed to speak to The Associated Press, said they believe the letter was an attempt to intimidate them into dropping their appeals, but it will not work.

“Obviously they don’t know me to think I could be browbeaten into quitting,” Johns said.

Both said they have received phone calls of support interspersed with the angry ones.

Craven and Colombe declined to comment, referring questions to their attorneys. Craven’s attorney, Ted Frank, said in an email that he took his concerns to the plaintiffs’ attorneys and they agreed to stop disseminating the letter.

Frank said he was satisfied with that promise and that attempting to have the judge address whether the letter was right or wrong would only distract from the appeal.

Indian artisans who defy the new law risk fines of up to \$1,000,000, and up to 15 years in prison. Corporations or groups who defy the new regulations face up to \$5,000,000 in fines.

Indian artisans are already being turned away from art competitions and trade meets. Jeanne Walker Rorex is a well-known Oklahoma artist whose work has won all kinds of regional awards. She is descended from Cherokee sculptor Willard Stone whose sculptures are displayed in the Oklahoma Hall of Fame. Rorex was barred from participating in the major American Indian Heritage competition at the Philbrook Museum in Tulsa. She refuses to register because of the principle of the matter. The law implies that her family, relatives and ancestors were all frauds.

There is another element of this whole business that many Indian artisans find intolerable and that is registering themselves based on their ethnic heritage. The process smells too much of the bad old days in the South when the census counted mulattoes, quadroons and octoroons and doled out rights based on quantities of blood. Even the CDIB (Certification of Degree of Indian Blood) cards bear an eerie resemblance to the pass-books used to control non-whites in South Africa.

Indians are fed up with being registered, un-registered, administratively erased and so on by an incompetent and often corrupt bureaucracy. The very idea smacks of ethnic cleansing and divides Native Americans.

“Other than a corrective communication and sanctions, there isn’t much else we could get in relief from the court, and neither is worth the distraction from preparation for oral argument,” Frank said.

Each objector is appealing the settlement for his or her own reasons. Craven and Johns both say the settlement does not include an accounting for how much money was lost, which is what Cobell originally set out to accomplish, and that many class members did not understand that they could have opted out of the deal.

Johns and Good Bear both object to the class of landowners that the settlement creates, saying each is different and their claims should be assessed differently. Johns added that the tribes should have been involved in the process from the beginning, not just individuals.

Native Business: Financial Tips to bring to Tribal Council



Jim Stanley is a tribal member of the Quinault Nation, Past-Vice President of the Quinault Nation Enterprise Board, and board member of the Northwest Native American Chamber.

General council is approaching. When financials are provided for general body review, do not let the accounting terms and information formatting scare you. Here are a few tips to make it simple to understand the financials reported by the government or on tribally owned businesses.

Four ways money can enter a tribal government or business:

Federal funding or cash sales;

Proceeds from a loan (debt);
New investor or current owner (equity);
Accounts receivable collections.

Four ways money can leave a tribal government or business:

Purchase assets such as land, equipment, or inventory;
Payroll and expenses incurred from being in business;
Make loan payments;
Distribute earnings to the owners.

As you have the opportunity to review your tribe’s statements, just know the purpose of financials are to explain how money travels into, is utilized within, and moves out of your tribal system. Reports will differ in small ways from one tribe to the next but practically all follow the same general guidelines.

By Jim Stanley, C&A Tribal Tribune Correspondent

Be a National Park Ranger - Summer 2012

Apply for the Teacher to Ranger to Teacher Program

Washita Battlefield National Historic Site is seeking a dynamic teacher to work as a uniformed National Park Ranger for eight weeks this summer as part of the Teacher to Ranger to Teacher (TRT) program. The intent of the TRT program is to link National Park units and teachers with Title I student populations in urban and rural school districts. This teacher will perform various duties including developing and presenting interpretive programs for the general public, staffing the visitor center, and developing curriculum-based materials for the park. A special project will be to assist with the planning of the fourth annual Teacher’s Workshop, A Window on our

World: Bringing Cheyenne Perspectives into the Classroom, which will be held on Saturday, June 23, 2012.

In April 2013, during National Park Week, Teacher-Rangers will wear their NPS uniforms to school, discuss their summer as a park ranger, and engage students and other teachers in activities that relate to America’s national parks.

The park will provide a uniform as well as a stipend for the teacher. We invite all interested teachers to go online at www.nps.gov/waba for an application or to contact Kathryn Harrison, Education Coordinator at (580) 497-2742. The deadline for submitting the application is March 16, 2012.

Your Health Matters

By Dr. Flauryse Baguidy

February is dental health month.

Did you know that dental health is an integral part of one’s overall health?

Health issues due to medical conditions such as diabetes, pregnancy, or certain medical complications such as kidney and liver require much more than just medications alone to alleviate those medical problems to the body. An improved or good dental health can help.

Good or improved dental health starts with the basics, by keeping your teeth and gums healthy. How do you achieve this?

Brushing your teeth on a regular basis at least once a day, twice is recommended, morning and before you go to bed at night (brushing in the morning will help maintain good breath throughout the day in addition to good breath, it will help keep mouth cleaner and minimize the number of cavities. Rinsing at least daily using a mouthwash solution (leaving mouth cleaner by cleaning out remnants of food particles decaying in the mouth that could promote tooth decay and/or gum diseases).

See your dentist to have regular check-ups (at least once a year). Having your teeth cleaned having cavities filled, having bad teeth removed will improve your diet. Take advice from a registered dietician at the Clinton Indian Health Center, cut down on sugary food that accelerates tooth decay and gum diseases.

How can an improved dental health help improve your overall health?

If you are diabetic it can result in better controls of your diabetes by minimizing infections that could result in blood sugar levels becoming erratic (very high, very low or unstable).

If you are pregnant it will alleviate medical problems that can result in low birth weight, minimize medical problems being transmitted to your baby. Be aware of what can adversely affect you and your baby such as

dieting choices, tobacco use and illegal substance abuse.

If you think you are already in good health, good dental hygiene can result in higher self-esteem, socially attractive, cleaner looking teeth, improved smile and better breath. Increased awareness of what can adversely affect your body and overall health such as long term use of smoking cigarettes, chew, spit, snuff tobacco can all be detrimental to your health. It is estimated that tobacco smoking is higher in the Native population and quitting can alleviate serious medical problems with illnesses such as asthma, bronchitis, lung cancer

According to the Center for Disease Control lung cancer is one of the leading causes of death among American Indians and Alaska Natives

What is offered at the Clinton Service Unit and other clinics?

Dentists, hygienists and dental assistants can help with your questions and answers to your dental concerns. All you have to do is contact any of the clinics that are the closest to you in El Reno, Clinton or Watonga.

We also perform community outreach to schools to perform dental exams as long as you the parents or guardians give us your consent. We will provide dental sealants for the kids in order to prevent decays in early age, provide tobacco counseling and cessation programs.

This information has been brought to you by the Clinton Service Unit-Watonga Dental, Dr. Flauryse Baguidy and the staff at Watonga.

The clinic is open five days a week Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Emergencies and Walk-ins are always welcome and best seen at 8 a.m. If unable to come at 8a.m. the dental staff will gladly accommodate the time you can make your appointment.

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3:30 pm to 5:30 pm

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For more information contact:
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**Tribal Youth Program
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A Chance to Win Thunder Tickets**



One TYP eligible student from each TYP After School program community (El Reno, Canton, Geary, Hammon, Clinton) will have their name drawn from a hat to win a ticket to see Derrick Rose & The Chicago Bulls come to town on April 1, 2012.

To be eligible, the student must have submitted a completed application & attend the after school program in their community from 3:30 to 5:30 pm. Each time the student is present their name will be added to the hat. The more times the students name is entered the greater the chance of **WINNING.**

If you have any questions contact the Tribal Youth Program at (405) 422-7768

2012 RESpECT Basketball Practice

**RESpECT Basketball Practice
Calumet High School
Sunday, March 5th
Grades 5th-12th are encouraged to attend**

**5th/6th Grade - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm
7th/8th Grade - 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
9th/12th Grade - 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm**



Transportation Schedule

El Reno	Wal Mart	12:30	Hammon	High School	11:00	Kingfisher	Wal Mart	11:00
Geary	North Store	12:30	Elk City	Love’s	11:15	Watonga	ALCO	12:00
Weatherford	Wal Mart	12:15	OKC	Macarthur Wal Mart	12:00	Thomas	Terrier Express	12:30
			Clinton	R.E.Sp.E.C.T. Building	11:45			



Please call to sign up for Transportation at the Concho RESpECT Office at 405-422-7570 or the Clinton RESpECT Office at 580-331-2601



Happy Birthday



Happy Belated 15th Birthday
Alicia Belle Doran Reed
Feb. 7
We are truly blessed with a wonderful sweet beautiful daughter.
Love you, mom, dad, Calista, Xavier, Wal-Ee-Ki, Alaina and Alex



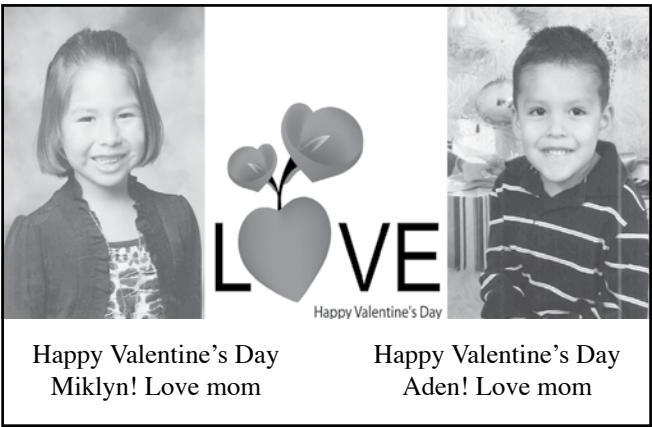
Happy Birthday Tamara Greer
From all the children and staff at Clinton Headstart



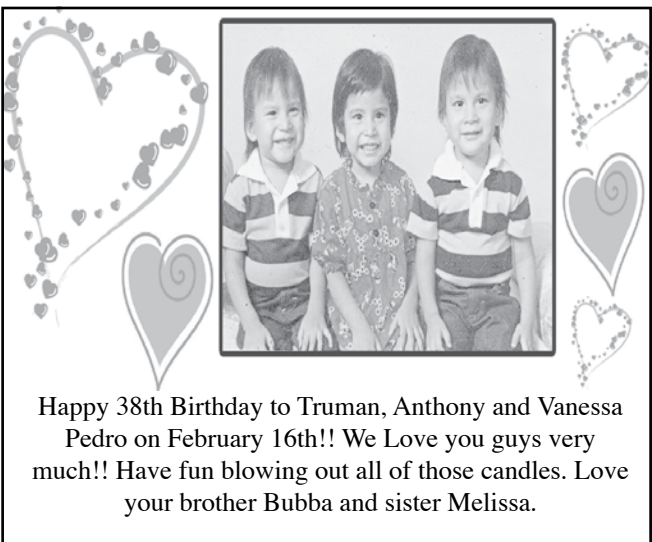
Happy Birthday Dallas Love Jr.
From all your friends and teachers at Clinton Headstart.



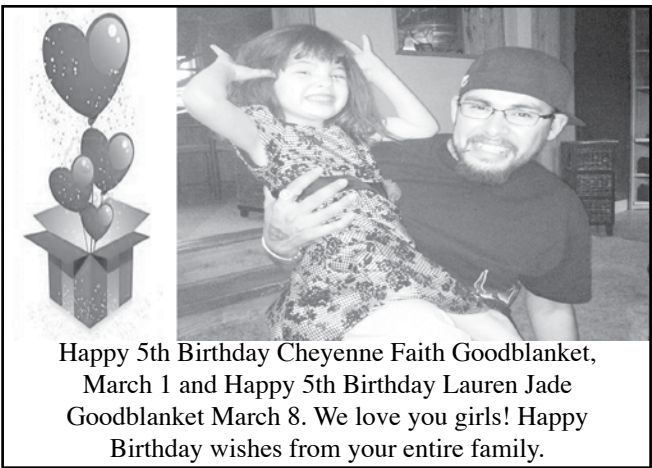
Happy 13th Birthday Seneca
Love from all your family.



Happy Valentine's Day Miklyn! Love mom
Happy Valentine's Day Aden! Love mom



Happy 38th Birthday to Truman, Anthony and Vanessa
Pedro on February 16th!! We Love you guys very much!! Have fun blowing out all of those candles. Love your brother Bubba and sister Melissa.



Happy 5th Birthday Cheyenne Faith Goodblanket, March 1 and Happy 5th Birthday Lauren Jade Goodblanket March 8. We love you girls! Happy Birthday wishes from your entire family.



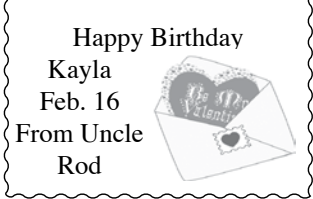
Happy Valentines Anthony! Love, the one and only Bernie Mac



Happy Birthday Karizma Luschen
Feb. 8
From all your friends and teachers at Concho Headstart



To my sugarmen, the Nevaquaya boys. Malaki and Joshua Jr. Love grandma, Jorene, mother Angela, dad Joshua, auntie Paris, cousins Jonathyn, Alex and Bindi Boo!



Happy Birthday Kayla
Feb. 16
From Uncle Rod



Happy 6th Birthday Bob Popetsaitke
Feb. 28
Love ya grandma Mary, grandpa Allen and auntie Shanna



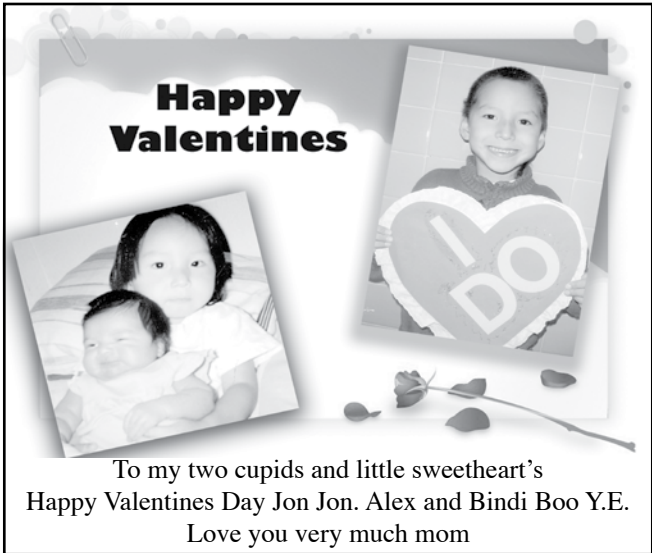
Happy Birthday LaPerla Hoffman
Feb. 27
From all your friends and teachers at Concho Headstart



Happy Birthday Erny!!!
Way up in Ronan, Montana. Lova and miss you, your auntie EE, cousin Sybil, TM, all your nieces and nephews her in Oklahoma!!



Happy Birthday to my niece and nephew Macey and Little Tallbear. Love you both with all my heart. Hope your days are filled lots of love.
Love you Auntie Margaret, TM Blaine, Brandy, Baylee, Tori, grandpa and grandma.



Happy Valentines
To my two cupids and little sweetheart's Happy Valentines Day Jon Jon, Alex and Bindi Boo Y.E.
Love you very much mom



Happy 12th Anniversary to my loving husband Thomas Fasthorse.
Feb. 19
You are my first thought in the morning.
My last thought at night.
For you, I have always been longing.
You bring me so much delight.
You have changed my life so much.
You have a special kiss and a special touch.
Forever we will be like this.
We met over 13 years ago. A brilliant 13 years it has been.



Happy Birthday Avril Blackbear
Feb. 19
From all your friends and teachers at Concho Headstart



Happy Belated Birthday Taelynn
Jan. 7
From all your friends and teachers at Concho Headstart



Happy Valentines Day, Johnnie Joe and Joshua Perkins! Momma loves both of you soooo much!



Happy 8th Birthday Flair Popetsaitke
Feb. 17
Love ya grandma Mary, grandpa Allen and auntie mom Shanna



Oh...where does the time go.
There was such a big space in between, but we came through it.
Although it always seemed mean.
It was well worth it.
Being able to get a cuddle from you makes me so happy and feel wanted.
Everything you do.
Some I may take for granted.
But nothing can be stronger than my love for you.
What we have is bliss.
Even though we have ups and downs nothing can come between this.
We have our smiles and our frowns, but when we kiss and cuddle.
All the frowns seem to drown.
Love you always Margaret Fasthorse



Happy Belated Birthday Christopher
Jan. 24
From all your friends and teachers at Concho Headstart



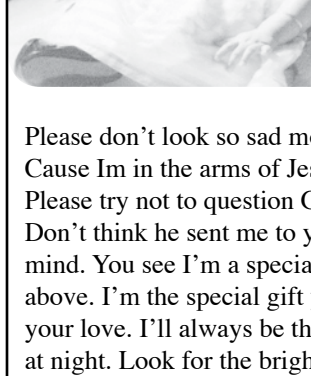
Happy Belated Birthday Kariona
Jan. 5
From all your friends and teachers at Concho Headstart



Happy 8th Birthday Flair Popetsaitke
Feb. 17
Love ya grandma Mary, grandpa Allen and auntie mom Shanna



Miss you my Sister, Lolita
Even after ten and half years



Please don't look so sad momma please don't cry.
Cause Im in the arms of Jesus and he sings me lullabies.
Please try not to question God, don't think he is unkind.
Don't think he sent me to you and then changed his mind.
You see I'm a special child, I was needed up above.
I'm the special gift you gave Him, a product of your love.
I'll always be there for you, so watch the sky at night.
Look for the brightest star and know that's my halo's brilliant light.
You'll see me in the morning frost that mists your windowpane.
When you feel a gentle breeze from a gentle wind that blows.
Know that it's me in the summer showers; I'll be dancing in the rain.
When you feel a gentle breeze from a gentle wind that blows.
Know that it's me planting a kiss upon your nose.
When you see a child playing and your heart feels a tug, don't be sad mommy, that's just me giving your heart a hug.
So don't look so sad and momma please don't cry.
Happy 5th Birthday Riley
Words cannot explain how much I love and miss you.
I can only try to imagine what life would be like if you were her.
Rest in Peace my Angel!
Love you always, mommy Ella Akeen



In Memory of our mother Minnie Blindwomen
Feb. 15
Miss you very much after two years gone to be with the Lord.



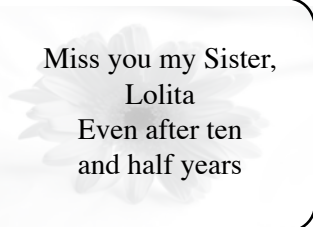
Happy Birthday Eryn RomanNose
Feb. 7
From all your friends and teachers at Concho Headstart



Happy Belated Birthday Jzabria
Jan. 9
From all your friends and teachers at Concho Headstart



Happy 2nd Birthday To our beautiful Cheyenne and Arapaho, Lakota princess. Lokota Rose Alysa
We are truly blessed to have you in our lives sunshine!
Love mom, dad and little Jon.
Feb. 26



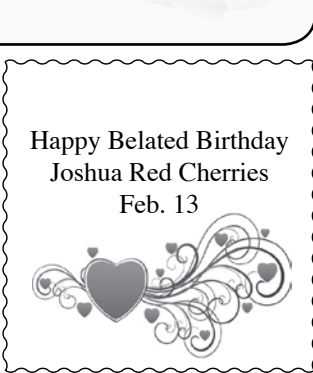
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Riley Isabella Akeen
Feb.4 2007-Sept. 22, 2007

Please don't look so sad momma please don't cry.
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Don't think he sent me to you and then changed his mind.
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Happy Belated Birthday Joshua Red Cherries
Feb. 13

Wishing my beautiful grandchildren, Emo'oahne and Israel Youngbull,
Happy Valentine's Day!
Grandpa and Grandma love you and miss you.

Employment Opportunities

Submit tribal application, resume, diploma, transcripts, valid Oklahoma state driver's license, and CDIB to: Personnel Department P.O. Box 38 Concho, OK 73022 or e-mail: whaag@c-a-tribes.org

Community Health Nurse
Diabetes Wellness
Closing Date: Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
Must possess current Oklahoma RN Nursing license. Possess strong verbal and written skills. Able to pass background check. Possess current unrestricted Oklahoma driver's license. Knowledgeable of Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal traditions and customs. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Water Plant Operator
Water Treatment Facility
Closing Date: Feb. 21, 2012

QUALIFICATIONS:
Knowledge of principles and practices of Water/Wastewater Treatment Plant Operations, operating principles of valves, pumps and motors. Principles and methods of bacteriological and chemical sewage analysis. Effects and problems of supervision and training. Safe work practices. Valid state of Oklahoma driver's license with good driving record. State of Oklahoma Water Treatment License "C", state of Oklahoma Waste Water License "D", state of Oklahoma Lab Technician License "C". Must pass pre-employment drug screening. Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal preference.
SALARY: Negotiable



Outreach Caseworker
Part-time Permanent
Crisis Assistance Program,
Open Until Filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
Prefer bachelor's degree in social work or related field or an equivalent combination of education and experience. Require two years of experience in professional related field. Ability to work flexible hours and willing to work hours including after 5 p.m. Must understand and strive to implement program's goals, objectives, rules and regulations. Possess communication skills, written and oral, to relate to Indian and non-Indian communities, other agencies and general public. Ability to maintain a high level of confidentiality on all client matters and other matters protected by the Privacy Act as well as other confidentiality regulations. OSBI and criminal background check required and be adjudicated appropriately. Prefer knowledge of Cheyenne and Arapaho/ Native American cultures and values. Must possess a current Oklahoma driver's license to operate a government owned vehicle. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Staff Accountant
Dept. of Treasury
Closing Date: Opened til filled

QUALIFICATIONS:
An associate's degree in accounting, with minimum of two years of professional accounting experience. An equivalent of education and experience of Tribal accounting of two or more years.
SALARY: Negotiable

Ground Maintenance
Operations & Maintenance
Closing Date: Feb. 21, 2012

QUALIFICATIONS:
High school graduate or GED certification. Valid Oklahoma Driver's License. Experience in related field. Cheyenne-Arapaho preference.
SALARY: Negotiable

Janitor (2 positions)
Operations & Maintenance
Closing Date: Feb. 21, 2012

QUALIFICATIONS:
Completion of high school or GED certification required. One year's experience in janitorial work desirable. Must know methods, materials, and equipment used in custodial work. Must have safe work habits. Must be physically fit with ability to lift up to 40 lbs. Must be able to work independently in the absence of supervision.
SALARY: Negotiable

Office Aide
Personnel Department
Closing Date: Feb. 22, 2012

QUALIFICATIONS:
High School Diploma or G.E.D. certification. Ability to work with minimal supervision. Experience with various office equipment. Ability to alphabetize. Cheyenne and Arapaho preference
SALARY: \$8/per hour



Alda Reed
Feb. 7, 1934
Jan. 30, 2012

Funeral services for Alda Reed were held Feb. 3, 2012 at the Canton Christian Church in Canton, Okla. followed by an Internment held at the Canton City Cemetery.



Damon Lee Richey was born on June 24, 1990 in Clinton, Okla. He passed away on Jan. 30, 2012 in Oklahoma City. Damon attended Geary and El Reno Public Schools and loved traveling throughout the country while working in



"FREEBIE FRIDAYS"

Beginning Wed. Feb. 1, 2012

Cheyenne & Arapaho Transit Appreciation for Loyal Customer Patronage, All passengers will be allowed to ride any one of our fixed routes on Fridays **FREE** during the month of February

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Donald Francis Garms Sr.
Sept. 24, 1926
Jan. 31, 2012

Funeral services for Donald Francis Garms Sr. were held Feb. 4, 2012 at the Federated Church in Kingfisher, Okla. An Internment followed at the Kingfisher City Cemetery.



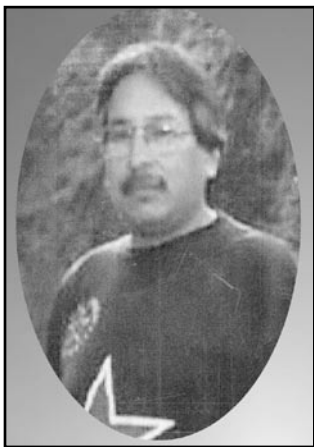
Wanda Leathers
June 30, 1934
Jan. 26, 2012

Funeral services for Wanda Leathers were held Tuesday, Jan. 31, 2012 at the Pine Acres Church in Weatherford, Okla. An Internment was held at the Greenwood Cemetery, also in Weatherford, Okla.

CLOSING
Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal offices will be closed Monday, Feb. 20, 2012 in observance of President's Day. Offices will reopen Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2012 at 8a.m.



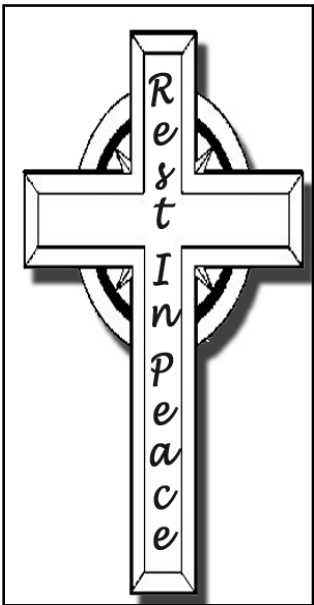
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Arthur "Corky" Yellowman
Vo'e-tse-oke-nee-es-tse (Man on a Cloud)
Dec. 15, 1962
Feb. 5, 2012

A wake service was held for Arthur "Corky" Yellowman on Feb. 9, 2012 at the Oakerhater Episcopal Church in Watonga, Okla.

Funeral services were held Feb. 10, 2012 at the Watonga Multi-Purpose building in Watonga, Okla., followed by an Internment at the Watonga 100F Cemetery in Watonga, Okla.



IN THE DISTRICT COURT
CHEYENNE-ARAPAHO TRIBES OF OKLAHOMA
P.O. BOX 102
CONCHO, OKLAHOMA 73022

NINA WOODS)
Plaintiff)
vs.) Case No: CIV-2012-03
MARCEL CHASE SANKEY)
Defendant)

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NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes to: MARCEL CHASE SANKEY

You are hereby notified that Nina Woods has filed in this Court a Petition For Custody regarding Marcus Sankey dob: 5/30/2003 and Marcella Sankey dob: 12/12/2006 minor children, and that on February 8th, 2012, the plaintiff, Nina Woods was granted temporary custody of the minor children and that said Petition is hereby set for a Show Cause Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said District Court of the Cheyenne Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 14th day of MARCH, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said relief should not be granted.

Dated this 8th day of February, 2012.

Rebekah Martin
Rebekah Martin, Deputy Court Clerk
Cheyenne-Arapaho District Court

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ADRIAN MOSQUEDA)
Plaintiff)
vs.) Case No: JFD-2011-0014
NANCY L. MOSQUEDA)
Defendant)

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes to: NANCY L. MOSQUEDA

You are hereby notified that Adrian Mosqueda has filed in this Court a Petition For Dissolution of Marriage and that said Petition is hereby set for a Hearing to be heard in the Courtroom of said Trial Court of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, 700 Black Kettle Boulevard, Concho, Oklahoma, on the 7th day of MARCH, 2012 at 10:00 A.M., at which time you may appear and show cause, if any you have, why said Divorce should not be granted.

Dated this 1st day of February, 2012.

Edwina Whitman
Edwina Whitman, Court Clerk
Cheyenne and Arapaho Trial Court

Plaintiff:
Adrian Mosqueda
721 N. Weigle
Watonga, Ok 73772

Funeral services for Truman C. Wassana Sr., 76, a Weatherford resident, was held Feb. 13, 2012 at 11 a.m. in the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Weatherford, Okla.

A traditional Indian Wake service was also held at the Emmanuel Baptist church on Feb. 12, 2012. Services were officiated by Gerald Watson and Gerald Panana. A burial followed in the Greenwood Cemetery in Weatherford under the direction of the Kiesau-Lee Funeral Home.

Wassana was born June 6, 1935 to Chester and Susie (Pratt) Wassana in Clinton, Okla. Truman's family moved to Colony, Okla. where Truman was raised. He graduated from Washita Heights and continued his education

at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, studying art and electrical engineering.

Truman served proudly in the U.S. Air Force where he worked as an aeronautical mechanic.

Truman was the father to step-son, James Nelson, daughter Reva Elaine Wassana, Truman Chester Wassana Jr. of Weatherford, Okla., Terrance Christopher and Timothy Charles Wassana, both of Clinton, Okla.

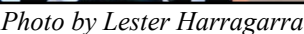
On June 4, 1973 Truman married Rose Lena Yellow Eagle, making their home in Weatherford, Okla. with their sons Reggie, Andrew, Craig and Home Wassana. Truman was a member of the Native American Church and worked for several years at 3M. He enjoyed

mechanic work, NasCar, powwows, fishing, carpentry as well as being a silversmith.

Truman passed away on Feb. 8, 2012. He was preceded in death by his parents Susie (1995) and Chester Wassana (1979), son Terrance Christopher Wassana (2001), two sisters, Myrna Wassana Saal (2002), Ida Wassana (2003) and his wife of 35 years, Rose Wassana (2010).

He is survived by a sister, Altha Guy, Phoenix, Ariz., his daughter Reva Wassana, sons, T.C. Wassana Jr., Timothy Wassana, Homer Wassana, Reggie Wassana, Craig Wassana and Andrew Wassana and numerous beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

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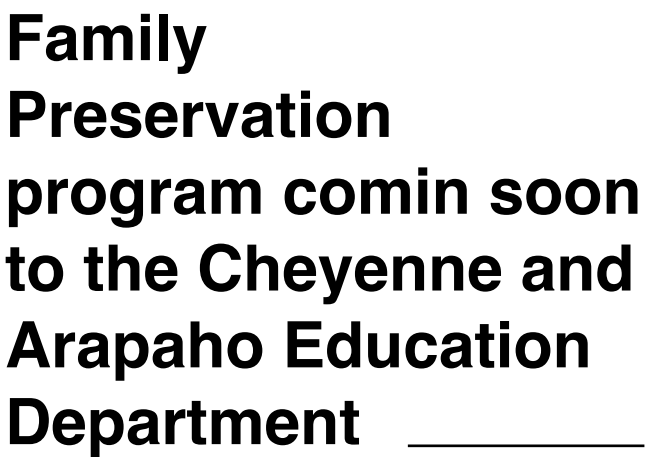
Ahtone completed her master's degree at OU in 2006 and received her associate's degree at the Institute of

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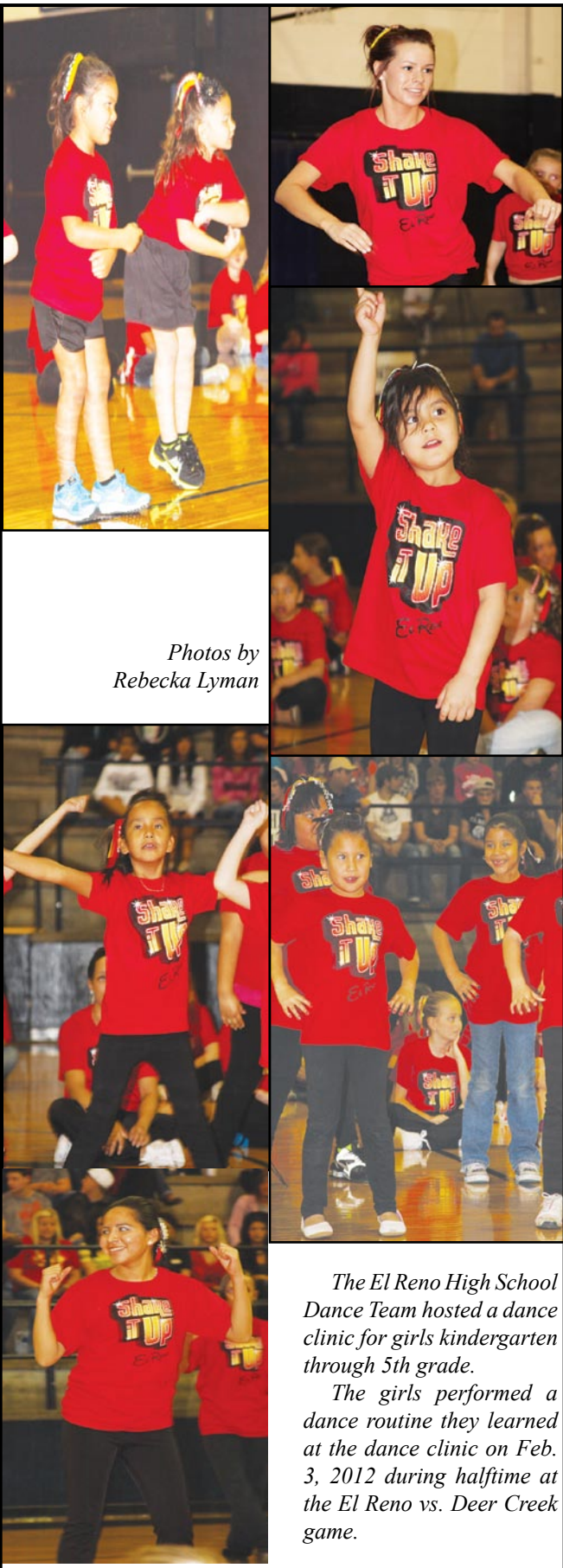
Michael Jones, 16, a sophomore at El Reno Public School is a 6' forward on the high school basketball team. He is the son of Kelly Ellidge and Damien Jones and has a younger sister and brother. "I started playing basketball when I was in the third grade at Darlington, my uncle Dillon Ellidge would always play with me," Jones said. "I wanted to be like him, he is a good man and treated me like a little brother." Jone said his favorite part of basketball is picking up a game of 5 on 5 and just having fun with his friends. "I am involved with the Cheyenne and Arapaho R.E.Sp. E.C.T. program. I like to be a part of the sports and activities," Jones said. "I stay away from things that might get me into trouble, like drugs and alcohol. My mom is always telling me I better not be getting into trouble cause I am still not too be

big to get a whipping." After school Jones goes home grabs a quick bite to eat and heads up to the gym. "I work on what the coach tells me I need to work on, I workout and exercise in the off season so that I can get bigger and stay healthy," Jones said. He said he was in the 8th grade when he knew he had a talent for basketball. "We won the Red basketball conference. Winning that trophy showed me that I am real good and that my future is bright. It was an amazing feeling," Jones said. Jones enjoys drawing cartoons and is currently taking an art class. He maintains a 3.0 GPA. "I love to cook pork chops on our George Foreman grill for my mom. Hip-hop is my favorite music I listen to and I love pepperoni pizza," Jones said. Jones said if he could change one thing in the world it would be to stop gang violence.

"I have two uncles who were a part of a gang and they had been shot several times. There was this time when I was 8 years old and I was with my uncles, the apartment got shot up, there were bullet holes everywhere. I did not get hurt, but I was scared and I never want that to happen to anyone else. I just really don't like to see anyone get hurt," Jones said. "I will stay away from trouble, I want to go to a D1 college out of state." Jones said he loves everything about playing basketball, but in the fall he wants to tryout for football. "I am not certain about what I want to do after high school ... I just hope I am still playing basketball," Jones said.



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The El Reno High School Dance Team hosted a dance clinic for girls kindergarten through 5th grade. The girls performed a dance routine they learned at the dance clinic on Feb. 3, 2012 during halftime at the El Reno vs. Deer Creek game.

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LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITIES

On Nov. 22, 2011 Governor Janice Prairiechief Boswell posted Public Notice that a Special Session of the Legislature was called, to be held on Dec. 22, 2011. The purposes listed for this Session were:

- To approve a Tribal Election Ordinance
- To approve Selection of Interim Speaker, Assistant Speaker, Legislative Staff, and appropriations for Legislative Staff
- To approve the ICDBG Grant 2012

On Dec. 20, 2011, Legislative Public Hearings were held at the Tribal Administration Building, Large Conference Room, in Concho, Okla. for these items.

On Dec. 22, 2011, the Special Legislative Session was held and Legislators present were Bruce Whiteman, Cheyenne District 1, and Patrick Spottedwolf, Arapaho District 3. The Bill to Approve a Tribal Election Ordinance was passed by two yes and six absent. The remainder of the actions were tabled.

On Dec. 14, 2011, Public Notice was posted with the following items which are Legislative actions.

An Act to Adopt a Method of Implementation for the Tribes’ Uniform Policy of Transparency.

An Act to Adopt the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Membership Ordinance.

An Act to Establish the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes’ Budget and Appropriations Process.

FY 2012 Office of the Tribal Council Appropriations Act.

An Act to Establish Limits on Judicial Authority.

An Act to Adopt a Method to Calculate Gaming Revenues for Allocation to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

A Resolution to Approve the 2011 Per-Capita Payment.

Public Hearings were held on Jan. 17 in Concho, Jan. 24 and 26 in Geary, Okla. and Jan. 31 and Feb. 2, 2012 in Hammon, Okla. for these items.

On Jan. 14, 2012 the Regular Legislative Session was held and Legislators present were Bruce Whiteman, C1, Cheevers Heap of Birds, C3, Patrick Spottedwolf, A3, and Winslow Sankey, A4. The Legislative Order to select the Speaker, Assistant Speaker and Legislative Staff was passed by four yes and four absent. The Resolution to Approve the 2011 Per Capita Payment was also passed by four yes and four

absent. The remainder of the actions were tabled.

On Jan. 27, Governor Janice Prairiechief Boswell posted Public Notice that a Special Session of the Legislature was called, to be held on Feb. 3, 2012. The purposes listed for this Session were:

- Nomination of Ruby Standingwater, Housing Commissioner
- Nomination of Wilbur Goodblanket, Housing Commissioner
- Nomination of Josetta Romannose, Arapaho District 2, Election Commissioner
- Nomination of Georgia Woods, Cheyenne District 2, Election Commissioner
- Nomination of Stephanie Meat, Arapaho District 1, Election Commissioner

An Act Authorizing Governor Janice PrairieChief-Boswell to draw down and distribute funds from tribal proceeds of accounts PL 7370700 & PL 7210708 derived from oil & gas, bonus, and farm & grazing revenues annually, beginning as soon as the money BIA released to Leslie Wandrie-Harjo is returned to the tribes and each December thereafter for the remainder of her four (4) year term

An Act Reauthorizing Unclaimed and Abandoned Per Capita Funds

Public Hearings were held on Jan. 31 and Feb. 2, 2012 in Hammon for these items.

On Feb. 3 the Special Session was held and all the nominations were confirmed. The two Acts were tabled until they had been posted for thirty days from Jan. 27. It’s anticipated the Governor will call another Special Session for Feb. 27, 2012 to vote on these Acts. Hearings will be held on these items on Feb.22 in Watonga and on Feb. 23, 2012 in Seiling. Additional Hearings will be held at different locations in the weeks following until the Regular Session to be held March 10, 2012

The Legislature encourages Tribal members to attend these Hearings or contact Legislators with any comments on these Bills. These Bills can be seen in full at www.c-a-tribes.org or by contacting the Legislative Clerk, Ramona Tall Bear or from any Legislator. For more information contact Tall Bear at (405) 422-7778 or by email, rtallbear@c-a-tribes.org.



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January 17, 2012

VIA HAND-DELIVERY

Honorable Members of the Fourth Legislature

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

P.O. Box 38

100 Red Moon Circle

Concho, Oklahoma 73022

Re: Resolution No. 3L-SS-2011-12222011-001, An Act to Adopt a Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Election Ordinance

Dear Honorable Members of the Fourth Legislature:

It is with great honor that I sign into law the first piece of legislation forwarded to me for my signature or veto by the Fourth Legislature:

Resolution No. 3L-SS-2011-12222011-001, An Act to Adopt a Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Election Ordinance

I look forward to working with you and bridging the gap between the Executive and Legislative Branch that has debilitated the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes for too long.

I request the law be amended by future legislation to address the following:

Article V, Section 5.1D, of the Election Ordinance provides, "In the event that there is no more than one candidate registered for any one elective office, sole candidates shall be declared default winners, and a formal election shall be deemed unnecessary." This provision may result in confusion if an official is declared a default winner and later subject to an attempted recall. In such a situation, the requisite number of recall signatures or votes required under Article VI, Section 6.1B, Article VII, Section 6.3F, Article VI, Section 6.8B, Article VII, Section 7.1A, and Article VI, Section 7.1B, is undefined. The Election Ordinance can facilitate the clarity, utility, and certainty in the laws of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

In addition, there is tension between Article V, Section 5.4D, and Article IX, Section 9.3, regarding criminal punishment under the Election Ordinance. Certain offenses under the

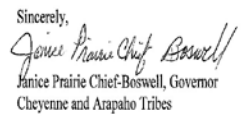
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Election Ordinance carry different punishments, and future amendments to the Tribal Election Ordinance can provide clarity and certainty to any person subject to the laws of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes as to what punishment is applicable.

Sincerely,



Janice Prairie Chief-Boswell, Governor

Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

NOTE:

The 4th Legislature will be introducing amendments to the Election Ordinance (outlined above in Gov. Boswell's letter) in the regular March session. The regular March session will be held the second Saturday of the month, March 10, 2012.

For questions or more information contact Legislative Clerk, Ramona Tall Bear at (405) 422-7777.

THIRD LEGISLATURE

OF THE

CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES

Special Session

Thursday, December 22, 2011

AN ACT TO ADOPT A CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBAL ELECTION ORDINANCE

RESOLUTION NO: 3L-SS-2011-12222011-001

DATE INTRODUCED: November 21, 2011

SPONSORS: Bruce Whiteman, District C-1

Patrick Spottedwolf, District A-3

SUBJECT: This BILL authorizes the adoption of an Election Ordinance for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

WHEREAS, the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a federally recognized Indian tribe, organized under a Constitution approved by Tribal membership on April 4, 2006 and approved by the Secretary of Interior; and

WHEREAS, Article VI, Section 5(a) and (c) in the Constitution provides that "Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature" and "[t]he Legislature shall have the power to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes ...[L]aws and resolutions which have been enacted shall remain valid until amended or repealed[.]" and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 3(a) of the Constitution, Election Commission, states, "There shall be an Election Commission to conduct all elections in a fair and impartial manner in accordance with the laws of the Tribes ...[and t]he Legislature shall not have Executive or administrative authority over the Election Commission." (Emphasis added); and

WHEREAS, members of the Election Commission are elected officials and must swear an oath of office under Article IX, Section 14 of the Tribes' Constitution to "serve all the People of the Tribes, to refuse all gifts or favors in exchange for official action, or to refrain from providing any gifts, favors, or money in exchange for political gain, and to uphold the Constitution of the Tribes," and

WHEREAS, it is the Constitutional obligation of the Election Commission to uphold and protect the integrity of the Election Process and selection

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of all elected officials within the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, Article IX, Section 8(c) of the Constitution states, "For purposes of enforcement of the election laws of the Tribes, the Election Commission shall be subject to suit for non-monetary, equitable relief exclusively in the Judicial Branch." (Emphasis Added); and

WHEREAS, executive and/or administrative authority is traditionally and commonly understood to represent the power, authority and discretion in choosing the means of implementation and enforcement of laws; and

WHEREAS, the Tribes' Constitution recognizes the traditional and commonly accepted definition of "executive authority" and "administrative authority" in Article VII, Section 4(e) as it states, "The Executive power of the Tribes shall be vested in the Governor. The Governor shall execute, administer, and enforce the laws. The Governor shall enforce court orders." (Emphasis added); and

WHEREAS, commonly accepted definitions of the terms "execute," and "administer" are as follows:

Execute – to carry out; accomplish; to perform or do; to produce in accordance with a plan, design or law; to carry through.

Administer-to manage or have executive charge of (as in to administer the law); to bring into use or operation; to make application of; to supervise; and

WHEREAS, the exercise of legislative authority by the Legislature in establishing election laws in no way amounts to exertion of executive or administrative authority, and the Constitution recognizes in Article IX, Section 8(c), as quoted above, that the Election Commission must enforce election laws; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature is the lawmaking body of the Tribes; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature has deemed it necessary and proper to establish the following election laws to ensure fair elections and to ensure the secrecy and sanctity of the ballot and the election process.

NOW THEREFORE, the Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes hereby enacts the following ACT TO ADOPT AN ELECTION ORDINANCE FOR THE CHEYENNE AND ARAPAHO TRIBES:

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ARTICLE I

GENERAL PROVISIONS

Section 1.1 Short Title

This enactment, known as An Act Authorizing the Adoption of a Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Election Ordinance, shall also be known as "The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Election Ordinance."

Section 1.2 Purpose

The purpose of this Act is to provide election laws for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes under which the Election Commission may conduct elections in a fair and impartial manner; to clarify, outline, and further delineate the authority, duties and responsibilities of the Election Commission; and, to further establish the process for the eligibility, nomination, candidacy and election of candidates for public office in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal government.

Section 1.3 Authority

A. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes are a sovereign federally recognized Indian Tribe with all rights, privileges and powers attended thereto. The Tribes are organized pursuant to a duly approved constitution approved by the adult members of the Tribes on April 4, 2006 ("Constitution").

B. This Act is enacted pursuant to Article VI, Section 5(a) of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Constitution which states "Legislative power shall be vested in the Legislature. The Legislature shall have the power to make laws and resolutions in accordance with the Constitution which are necessary and proper for the good of the Tribes. All actions by the Legislature shall be embodied in a written law or resolution. All actions by the Legislature shall be made by a majority vote of the Legislators present unless otherwise specifically indicated by this Constitution. Tie votes in the Legislature shall be decided by the Governor. Laws and resolutions which have been enacted shall remain valid until amended or repealed."

Section 1.4 Finding of Necessity

The Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislature finds and declares that:

A. In order to preserve and improve standard of living, quality of life, welfare and well-being of all persons within the territorial jurisdiction of the Tribes, it is the policy of the Tribes to establish guidance and direction for the Tribes' government and to advance the general welfare of the Tribes; and

B. The Cheyenne and Arapaho Legislature finds and declares it has the

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constitutional obligation and a public responsibility to the Tribes to enact laws for the welfare of the Tribes; and

C. As part of this obligation and public responsibility, the Legislature had identified, for the good of the Tribes, that there is a need to clarify, outline, and further delineate the authority, duties and responsibilities of the Election Commission and to further establish the process for the eligibility, nomination, candidacy and election of Tribal Members who run for public office in the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal government.

Section 1.5 Definition of Day(s)

As used in this Ordinance, the terms "day" or "days" shall mean calendar days. If the last day counted falls on a Saturday, Sunday or Legal holiday, the last day of the time period will be the next business day following such Saturday, Sunday or Legal holiday.

Section 1.6 Use of the Words "Shall" and "May"

As used in this Ordinance, the word "shall" is deemed to mean imperative or mandatory to exclude the exercise of discretion. The word "may" is deemed to mean permission or liberty and to include the exercise of discretion.

ARTICLE II

ELIGIBLE VOTERS, CANDIDATES AND VOTING LIST

Section 2.1 Eligible Voters

Members of the Tribes age eighteen (18) or older shall be eligible to vote in an Election.

Section 2.2 Voter Registration

A. All eligible voters are required to register in accordance with Article IX, Section 2 of the Constitution, either in person at the Tribal Headquarters or by written request to the Election Commission at: Election Commission, P.O. Box 26, Concho OK 73022. Only those persons duly registered will be permitted to vote.

B. A standard approved voter registration form shall be made available to the prospective voter upon request, and the voter registration forms will be made available at the Tribal Headquarters and Legislative offices.

C. The registration shall become effective on the date it is received, stamped and verified by the Election Commission, provided it is received three weeks prior to an election date.

D. Registration of voters shall be closed for a period beginning ten (10) days prior to the date for mailing out of absentee ballots until the certification of the final

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election results.

E. Tribal members who reach voting age in any year of a General Election shall be permitted to register to vote in the General Election after the registration deadline established by the Constitution so long as the individuals birthday comes after the deadline and the Election Commission receives their registration materials at least three weeks before the date scheduled for the General Election.

F. In order to vote in a Special Election, the Election Commission must receive registration materials at least three weeks before the date scheduled for the Special Election.

G. Absentee voting shall be made available to those members who live outside the tribal district boundaries. Absentee voting shall also be made available to those members who are going to be out of town or unavailable to make it to the polls on Election Day.

H. Voters shall follow the election rules to receive an absentee ballot and give the correct mailing information to ensure the voter receives the ballot and is able to vote. The Election Commission has a duty to make sure each voter receives the requested absentee ballot and is able to timely vote.

Section 2.3 Voting Registration List

A. The Election Commission shall publish a preliminary list of eligible voters no later than June 15th of an election year. The Enrollment Department and the Election Commission shall cooperate in the development of the preliminary list of eligible voters. Any member of the Tribes may challenge a name on or the omission of a name from the preliminary list of eligible voters no later than August 1st. The Election Commission shall publish a final list of eligible voters by August 15th.

B. The Enrollment Department shall prepare any necessary reports at the request of the Election Commission to assist with the formulation of the voter registration lists by verifying the death, dual registration and/or enrollment information of registrants and/or tribal members.

C. Voter registration lists shall be made available to any candidate for elected office, currently sitting elected official, and any registered voter who submits a recall petition request form upon request to the Election Commission within one (1) week of such request being submitted.

D. All changes made to the Cheyenne and Arapaho voter registration lists shall be made by official Commission action verified and certified by all members sitting on the Election Commission and shall be recorded in voter registration

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B. The only appropriate grounds for challenging the eligibility of a candidate are any one of the following:

- The candidate has not met the age requirements;
- The candidate has been convicted of a felony;
- The candidate has not paid the fifty dollar (\$50.00) filing fee and has not requested a waiver of the filing fee;
- The candidate is not an enrolled Tribal member;
- The candidate is not a registered voter; or
- The candidate is registered to vote in a different district than the one he/she is running for office in; or
- The candidate has engaged in wrongdoing as outlined in subsection (D) of this Section.

C. If prior to the certification of any regular, special, or run-off election, the Election Commission is presented with a written, signed, and notarized statement alleging that a candidate has engaged in wrongdoing that warrants disqualification as a candidate, the Election Commission shall review the evidence contained within the written statement, and if, in the Election Commission's discretion, the Election Commission finds that the evidence may warrant disqualification, the Election Commission shall set a hearing date and provide written notice to the candidate of the challenges brought against him or her. The burden of proof for disqualification as a candidate shall be upon the person bringing the challenge. Should a candidate be disqualified, that candidate shall not be eligible to run for public office for a period of one (1) election for that district.

D. Wrongdoing that warrants disqualification as a candidate includes the following:

- Accepting, promising, or exchanging anything of monetary value or gain in return for a vote, ballot, or signature; or,
- Tampering with voter registrations, intimidating voters, or otherwise attempting to change the outcome of the election through improper or unlawful means; or
- Knowingly committing a felony.

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E. It shall be the duty of each individual Election Commissioner to maintain the Voter Registration List and Registration Books of the registered voters in their respective Voting District.

F. During the term of each Election Commissioner, the Election Commissioners have a duty "to conduct all elections in a fair and impartial manner in accordance with the laws of the Tribes." Election Commissioners shall use due diligence when certifying candidate eligibility, even if this requires researching the information given to the Election Commission by the candidate.

3.6 Election Commission Meetings

A. The Election Commission shall hold a regular monthly meeting on the Friday proceeding the regular monthly legislative sessions of the Legislature. Regular monthly meetings of the Election Commission will be held at the Tribal Headquarters and shall be open to the public.

B. Special meetings of the Election Commission may be called at the discretion of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, or by five (5) members of the Election Commission and shall be open to the public. The Election Commission shall post public notice of special meetings at the Tribal Office at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the date of the special meeting.

C. Executive Session shall include only Election Commissioners. The Election Commission shall not take any final action or make any final decisions in Executive Session.

D. Five (5) members of the Election Commission shall constitute a quorum. A quorum is required for the Election Commission to conduct official business.

E. Daily business decisions of the Election Commission may be made by those Commissioners present for daily office activities or as such need may arise.

F. All Election Commission meetings shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, except when Robert's Rules of Order conflict with the Constitution.

G. When a conflict of interest involving an Election Commissioner(s) and any candidate and/or sitting elected official, the Election Commission involved shall be recused by the Election Commission chairman or self-recused. If the conflict of interest involves the Election Commission chairman, any other election commission shall recuse the Election Commission chairman for conflict of interest. Any Election Commissioner may raise the issue of conflict

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adjustments log for auditing purposes.

E. The Election Commission shall be required to record the chain of custody of all voter registrations received by the Commission and to develop and implement a process for protecting the integrity of the voter registration lists and ensuring that all registrations are completed as intended by the registering party, subject to the approval of any Executive Regulatory Board or Legislative Oversight Committee established to provide checks and balances for the Cheyenne and Arapaho Election Commission.

F. Access to software used by the Election Commission to process and record voter registration information shall be strictly limited to Election Commissioners. Election Commissioners shall be required to keep passwords confidential and secure and shall not permit any person to access voter registration or other election materials at any time under penalty of law.

G. Any person charged with the task of installing, updating or maintaining voter registration software or other software utilized by the Election Commission shall be required to certify under oath and penalty of perjury that the Election Commission software is secure and inaccessible by any Branch, individual or entity within or without the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes other than the Election Commissioners for whom access is legally authorized under this Act.

Section 2.4 Qualifications for Candidacy

A. Qualifications for Legislators. Subject to the eligibility requirements of Article VI, Section 4 of the Constitution, any eligible voter may seek and hold a seat in the Legislature, provided that at the time of filing a nomination petition, a candidate shall physically reside in his/her district for at least three (3) months prior to filing for candidacy.

B. Qualifications for the Governor and Lieutenant Governor. Subject to the eligibility requirements of Article XII, Section 3 of the Constitution, any eligible voter may seek and serve as the Governor or Lieutenant Governor of the Tribes, provided that at the time of filing a nomination petition, a candidate for Governor or Lieutenant Governor shall physically reside in a voting district for at least three (3) months prior to filing for candidacy.

C. Residency. For purposes of determining residency, the candidate must reside in a personal home with an individual address. The home may be a house, apartment complex, duplex, a modular home, a skirted mobile home fixed to the land or other dwelling reasonably relied upon as a permanent residence. The land upon which the modular or skirted mobile home is located shall be rented, leased, or personally owned by the candidate. A motel, hotel or home of a friend or family member shall not constitute a residence for purposes of this section, unless a candidate can establish that he/she has

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E. If a candidate is disqualified after any regular, special, or run-off election, the results of such election shall be null and void and the Election Commission shall reschedule a new election with the remaining eligible candidates. If a candidate is disqualified prior to the date set in the Election Announcement for any regular, special, or run-off election, the Election Commission shall proceed as planned with the remaining eligible candidates.

2.8 Confidentiality Requirements

Confidentiality must be upheld and preserved by Election Commission members at all times. All information, including criminal history reports, reviewed by the Election Commission to determine the eligibility of candidates shall not be made available to anyone but Election Commission members.

**ARTICLE III
ELECTION COMMISSION**

3.1 Establishment of Election Commission

A. Election: The Members of the Election Commission shall be elected from their respective districts to serve a term of four (4) years. Elected Officials of the Tribes shall not be eligible to serve on the Election Commission.

B. Composition: The Election Commission shall be composed of eight (8) members ("Commissioners") with one (1) Cheyenne Commissioner and one (1) Arapaho Commissioner elected from each district. Once established, the Commissioners shall elect a Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer to serve as officers of the Election Commission in accordance with Section 3.5 of this Article.

C. Qualifications: Each Commissioner shall possess at a minimum a High School degree or its equivalent. No person convicted of a felony shall serve on the Election Commission. Members of the Election Commission who are convicted of a violation of the Election laws or who have violated the Election laws as determined by the Judicial Branch shall not be eligible to serve on the Election Commission.

3.2 Election Commission as an Independent Commission

To ensure fairness and impartiality the Election Commission shall be independent from all Branches of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Government and shall not be under the direction, supervision or subordination of the Executive Branch.

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of interest of a fellow Election Commissioner at any time and if the Election Commissioner does not self-recuse, a majority vote of the remaining Election Commissioners shall determine whether the Election Commissioner in question shall be recused.

3.7 Vacancies

A. The Election Commission shall declare a vacancy on the Election Commission following the death of a Commissioner, resignation of a Commissioner upon receipt of a written resignation to the Election Commission; or removal of a Commissioner. Removal of an Election Commissioner is governed by Section 3.8 of this Article.

B. The Election Commission shall immediately notify the Governor of vacancies.

C. Vacancies on the Election Commission shall be filled as mandated by Article XII, § 12 of the Constitution. The appointee shall be a member of the same Tribe and registered within the same voting district as the former Commissioner.

D. Any Election Commissioner seeking to run for office in the Legislative or Executive Branch shall submit a written letter of resignation to the Election Commission prior to filing for candidacy. The Chairman of the Election Commission shall immediately inform the Governor of such vacancy upon receiving the written letter of resignation.

3.8 Removal

A. Election Commissioners shall be removed from office for engaging in the commission of a felony, for egregious ethical misconduct during their tenure, or for any misconduct involving Commissioners' duties as fair and impartial election commission officials, and/or for violating the Commissioner's Oath of Office. If misconduct is suspected, tribal members, officers, agents and employees have a duty to report Election Commissioners to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes' Ethics Commission or other appropriate Executive Regulatory Boards or Legislative Oversight Committees for investigation, disciplinary action and/or referral to the Tribes' Attorney General or Special Prosecutor for prosecution under the Tribes' Law and Order Code.

B. The Election Commission may remove a Commissioner for the following:

- Deliberate conduct of a Commissioner that purposefully favors or disfavors any specific candidate; or,
- Deliberate conduct of a Commissioner that changes or attempts to change the outcome of an election; or,

resided at such location for at least three (3) months prior to filing for candidacy. The candidate shall prove residency by providing a copy of a lease agreement or proof of ownership of residence or a utility bill to the Election Commission upon filing for candidacy. Post office box addresses shall not be accepted as proof of residency.

Section 2.5 Nomination Petition and Candidate Registration

A. Each candidate for elective office shall file a nomination petition with the Election Commission signed by at least ten (10) registered voters along with a one time fifty dollar (\$50.00) filing fee. Each candidate for elective office shall file a Nomination Petition after the public posting of the Election Announcement, and before the posted closing date of candidate registration. The closing date of candidate registration shall be June 1st, as established by Article IX, Section 8 (a) of the Tribal Constitution. The Election Commission shall announce said closing date in the Election Announcement. Each candidate for elective office will be required to sign a waiver authorizing the Election Commission to conduct a National Background Check to verify their eligibility. The fifty dollar (\$50.00) filing fee shall be by money order, certified or cashiers check and made payable to the Election Commission of the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. Waivers of the filing fee may be given upon request and provided that said person meets or falls below the federal poverty level guidelines, as determined by the Election Commission.

B. At the time of registration and payment of fees, each candidate shall receive a copy of the Election Ordinance, a voters registration list, and a schedule of all dates for the Election. The registration fee receipt shall verify that a candidate has received such copies and is aware of such Ordinance, voters registration list, and the schedule of dates as posted on the Public Notice. All updates to the voters registration list shall be made available to the registered candidates once the scheduled challenge to voters registration is closed and the voter list is finalized.

Section 2.6 Certification of Candidates

Election Commission shall post a list of the persons who have filed for candidacy and been certified. Such list shall be posted at the Tribal Office, Concho Agency, Clinton Indian Hospital, and any other appropriate newspapers.

Section 2.7 Challenges to Candidates and Disqualification

A. Any person wishing to challenge the eligibility of a candidate must file with the Election Commission, a written and signed statement or complaint setting forth the grounds for such a challenge no later than two (2) days after the candidate closing date.

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The Election Commission may be subject to oversight by Legislative Oversight Committees, by Executive Regulatory Boards and by Ethics Commissions created by law. Oversight bodies may investigate the activities of the Election Commission when such is deemed necessary. Investigations and oversight may be conducted by public investigative hearings, auditing, and any other means necessary for ensure that ethical and fair standards and procedures are being upheld by the Election Commission.

3.5 Duties of the Election Commissioners

The duties of the Election Commission Officers shall include the following:

A. The Chairman shall preside over all meetings of the Commission. The Chairman shall exercise any authority delegated to him by the Commission. The Chairman shall not vote on Election Commission matters unless necessary to break a tie vote. The Chairman shall have the authority to convene meetings of the Commission and to recommend the agendas for all meetings. The Chairman shall have the authority to delegate other duties, as he deems necessary, to other members of the Commission.

B. The Vice-chairman shall do roll call and declare a quorum present at the opening of each meeting. In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman shall assume the duties and responsibilities of the Chairman.

C. The Secretary shall record the minutes of each meeting. The Secretary shall prepare a typed version of the meeting minutes either during or after the meeting. The Secretary shall call to the attention of the Commission any unfinished business from previous meetings. The Secretary shall read the minutes of the previous meeting upon request. The Secretary shall provide all communications, which have been received, to the Commission. The Secretary shall answer all correspondence with a Commission approved response. In the absence of the Secretary, the Chairman shall appoint an Acting Secretary for the duration of the Secretary's absence.

D. The Election Commission Treasurer shall be custodian of all Election Commission monies, which come under the jurisdiction of the Election Commission. Candidate registration fees shall be used to fund a request for Criminal History Information with agencies of the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation (OSBI) and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI). The Secretary shall tender monies in the Tribes' Finance Office to be deposited into the Election Commission Account. The Election Commission's Treasurer shall coordinate with the Tribal Treasurer in tracking all expenditures and current balances. The Election Commission's Treasurer shall keep a set of books which shall be subject to audit or inspection at any time at the discretion of the Election Commission. Said books shall be maintained at the Tribal Headquarters Election Commission Office. At the end of each month records of expenditures shall be made available to the Election Commission by the Finance Department.

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3. Deliberate conduct of a Commissioner involving either tampering with voter registrations, destroying voter registrations, destroying Election Commission documents or records without prior approval; or knowingly influencing voter registrants, or using his/her position on the Election Commission to change the outcome of any election; or

4. Abuse of authority delegated by the Election Commission, neglect of duty, failure to maintain confidentiality of Election Commission records, or concealing, removing, or destroying tribal records or property.

C. If the Election Commission receives a written and signed statement or complaint that a Commissioner has violated any provision of this Section, the remaining members of the Election Commission shall review the allegations in the written statement and if, in the Election Commission's discretion, the Election Commission finds that evidence exists supporting the allegations in the written statements, whether by supporting affidavits or supporting documentary evidence such that probable cause exists to warrant removal, the Election Commission shall set a hearing date and provide written notice to the respective Commissioner of the charges alleged and the date and time of the hearing. If the Election Commission determines that sufficient evidence does not exist to sustain probable cause, the Election Commission shall dismiss the petition or complaint without prejudice and shall provide the challenger or proponent with a written statement of the grounds for dismissing the petition or complaint.

D. The hearing shall be set no earlier than ten (10) days from the date that written notice is sent to the challenged Commissioner. The Chairman may decide to hold the removal hearing at the next regularly scheduled Election Commission meeting provided such meeting is at least ten (10) days from the date that written notice is sent to the challenged Commissioner. A quorum of the remaining Election Commission shall preside over the hearing.

E. At the hearing, the role of the Election Commission is solely to review the evidence presented by the parties and to make a decision based on the evidence, this Election Ordinance and/or the Constitution.

F. The accused Commissioner also may be represented by counsel of his or her choice at the hearing and may present oral testimony and documentary evidence, and may also call witnesses.

G. The accused Commissioner shall be given full opportunity to present evidence to support his or her case, subject to the limitation that all evidence offered, whether written or oral, and whether offered by a party, or by other witnesses, must be relevant to the issues outlined in the notice of hearing. Evidence outside the scope of the hearing or not otherwise relevant to the issues

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outlined in the notice before the Election Commission may be excluded. New allegations, not found in the original written complaint shall not be raised in the hearing. The Election Commission has full authority to exclude evidence on the grounds that it is not relevant or is outside the scope of the hearing. The Election Commission also has authority to maintain order and decorum at the hearing. Witnesses shall be sworn and only one may testify at a time.

H. The accused Commissioner shall be removed from office if a majority of the presiding Commissioners finds that the accused Commissioner violated this Section. The accused Commissioner shall not be entitled to vote on his or her removal from office. The Election Commission shall prepare a written opinion setting forth its decision and findings. Such written decision shall be sent to the challenger and to the accused Commissioner. The decision of the Election Commission shall be subject to de novo judicial review in Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribal Court.

- I. Election Commissioners may be removed from office by any of the following methods:
- i. Legislative Action – Impeachment and Removal by an affirmative vote of seven (7) legislators, subject to the veto power of the Governor.
 - ii. Recall – Recall provisions in the Constitution governing recall of elected legislative officials shall apply.
 - iii. Declaration of a Vacancy by the Election Commission – The Election Commission shall declare a vacancy in the Election Commission if it is determined, by clear and convincing evidence, that an Election Commissioner has committed a felony at any time prior to, during, or after their term of office. A vacancy may only be declared after providing to the affected Commissioner proper notice, a hearing, and an opportunity to be heard.

3.9 Restrictions and Limitations for Election Commissioners

- A. Officials serving as Election Commissioners shall not run for public office with the Tribes for at least one year after their term as Election Commissioner ends or until one year has passed from the date of resignation or removal as Election Commissioner.
- B. In order to promote public confidence in the fairness of the election process, Election Commissioners shall not participate in campaigns for candidates for public office during their tenure as Election Commissioners, nor may they participate in recall efforts for any publicly elected official. Violation of this provision shall constitute an egregious ethical violation requiring removal as

Election Commissioner by any of the means or methods established by this Act.

- C. Individuals whose immediate family holds or is currently seeking public office shall not be eligible for candidacy as an Election Commissioner. For purposes of this Act, "immediate family" shall include parents, step-parents, grandparents, step-grandparents, children, step-children, siblings, half-siblings, step-siblings, spouses, domestic partners and common-law spouses, brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law.
- D. Seated Election Commissioners whose immediate family member files for candidacy for any publicly elected office shall be required to take a leave of absence from the date his or her immediate family files for candidacy until such a time that the election for which his or her family member has run has been concluded, including post-election challenge proceedings. During the individual's leave of absence as Commissioner, said individual shall not be permitted access to Election Commission offices, computers, databases, documents, information, files and or other information and facilities that may be related to conducting elections. In the event that an immediate family member of an Election Commissioner is elected to public office, said Commissioner's term shall end by operation of law on the date of the next general election. If an individual purposely, knowingly or negligently continues to actively participate as Election Commissioner at any time during the candidacy of an immediate family member, the Election Commission shall immediately take steps to remove the individual as an Election Commissioner and said individual will be ineligible to run for any public office, including Election Commission, until two years have lapsed from the date his or her immediate family member's cease's to hold public office with the Tribes.

3.10 Required Amendments to Existing Rules and Regulations

The Rules and Regulations of the Election Commission adopted March 27, 2007 shall be amended to comply with this Act.

3.11 Oath of Office for Election Commissioners; Requirement of Staggered Terms

Election Commissioners shall swear the oath of office as it is set forth in Article XI, § 14, of the Tribes' Constitution. Election Commissioners shall serve staggered four-year terms opposite of those established for the tribal legislature, e.g. if Districts C-1, C-3, A-3, and A-4, are up for re-election for the Legislature, then Districts C-2, C-4, A-1, and A-2 shall be up for re-election in the Election Commission.

ARTICLE IV
CASTING OF BALLOTS, POLLING PROCEDURES, & CHALLENGES

4.1 Ballots

- A. **Secret Ballot:** All Elections shall be conducted by secret written ballots.
- B. **Absentee Ballot:** Absentee voting shall be permitted for eligible voters who:

- 1. Are serving on active duty as a member of the Armed Services of the United States or National Guard; or
- 2. Do not reside within a Cheyenne or Arapaho District in order to attend school on a full-time basis; or
- 3. Suffer from a documented physical disability or illness and who are, or expect to be unable to travel to a polling place on the day of any election; or
- 4. Expect to be absent from their resident district on the day of any election; or
- 5. Expect to be engaged in a religious activity for substantially all of the hours that the polls are open on the day of any election.

C. Any eligible voter who meets the requirements of subsection (B) of this Section, may request an absentee ballot from the Election Commission and may vote by absentee ballot. The Election Commission shall make absentee ballots available not later than seven (7) days prior to an election date.

D. Absentee ballots mailed to registered voters shall, be accompanied by a blank envelope and an envelope addressed to the Election Commission. The voter shall indicate his/her selection on the ballot, seal it in the blank envelope, and insert the blank envelope into the envelope addressed to the Election Commission. The voter shall affix his/her signature in ink across the back of the addressed envelope.

E. Upon receipt by the Election Commission of the ballot, the name on the line outside of the addressed envelope shall be checked against the appropriate list of registered voters, and the blank envelopes containing the ballot cast by the eligible voter shall be separated from the other envelope and only the ballots that are mailed out by the Election Commission shall be permitted and recognized. Only one ballot shall be included in any envelope. If more than one ballot is included in any envelope, neither ballot shall be counted. Only one signature shall be on the envelope. The name and signature must be the same as it appears on the voter registration filed and on the voter registration list. A ballot must be returned by mail and cannot be hand delivered.

F. All absentee ballots cast shall remain in the Concho Post Office Box until

3:00 P.M. on the election date. At least two (2) members of the Election Commission and a Tribal Security Officer shall secure the ballots received at the Concho Post Office in a locked ballot box. Such ballots must be counted by the members present and be confirmed by the Postmaster. The locked ballot box will then be transported by the Election Commission, escorted by the Tribal Security Officer, to the large conference room at the Tribal Complex and the box shall remain under security until 6:00 P.M.

G. Voters receiving an absentee ballot shall not be eligible to vote at a polling site unless they return their absentee ballot to the Election Commission prior to receiving a ballot at the polling site. The returned absentee ballot shall be marked as spoiled.

4.2 Mutilated, Lost and Returned Ballots

- A. Should any voter spoil- or mutilate his/her ballot, the voter shall write the word "mutilated" across the face of the ballot, sign the voter's name thereon and mail, or deliver in person, such mutilated ballot immediately to the Election Commission at the Tribal Office. The Election Commission shall note on the mutilated ballot the date of receipt of the same and immediately mail, or deliver in person, to the voter a new ballot accompanied by a blank envelope and an envelope addressed to the Election Commission. The Election Commission shall maintain a record of each person returning a mutilated ballot, the date of receipt, and the date when a new ballot was mailed or delivered to the voter. Any mutilated ballot so returned shall become a part of the records of the Election Commission. The return of a mutilated ballot and receipt by a voter of a new ballot, as specified above, shall not be deemed in any way to extend the deadline for returning such new ballots to be counted. The new ballots must be mailed by the voters and received by the Concho Post Office prior to 3:00P.M. on election date. This procedure shall not allow the voter to cast more than one (1) ballot in any election.
- B. Any voter who does not receive his/her absentee ballot shall submit to the Election Commission, a written, signed, and notarized statement that the ballot was not received by the voter. Upon receipt of the voter's written, signed, and notarized statement, the Election Commission shall provide the voter with a new ballot. In no event shall the procedure extend the deadline for returning such new ballots to be counted. The new ballots must be mailed by the voters and received by the Concho Post Office prior to 3:00P.M. on the election date. In addition, this procedure shall not allow the voter to cast more than one (1) ballot in any election.

4.3 Polling Sites

All votes shall be cast at a district polling site. There shall be at least one but not more than three (3) polling sites in each district. Polling sites located outside a district shall be prohibited.

4.4 Counting Ballots

- A. The Election Commission shall properly account for all official ballots and shall mark ballots to ensure the integrity of the official ballots. Ballots not marked appropriately cannot be counted and will be considered "spoiled." If a ballot is spoiled, a new ballot shall be issued to the voter at the polls.
- B. On the date set for counting ballots, the Election Commission shall prepare the ballots in the large conference room at the Tribal Complex for tabulation. Beginning at 6:00P.M., the Election Commission shall check the name and signature on the back of the addressed envelope against the appropriate list of registered voters to ensure that they are the proper voter. The envelopes containing such ballots shall be opened. The outside envelope (business reply) shall be opened, separated from the ballot (small) envelope, then the ballot (small) envelope shall be opened, and the ballot separated from the envelope. All the envelopes (business reply) and ballots shall be retained as a part of the records of the election, for a period of at least two (2) years and not more than five (5) years.
- C. Beginning at 8:00 P.M., the Election Commission shall commence with tabulating the ballots. If during the tabulating of ballots, the Election Commission is unable to determine from the ballot the choice of the voter, the ballot will be "disallowed." A disallowed ballot will be marked as disallowed and recorded. Disallowed ballots will be kept together, and retained as part of the records of the election, for a period of at least two (2) years and not more than five (5) years.
- D. Only the following persons shall be allowed in the large conference room during the tabulation of the ballots:
- 1. Members of the Election Commission;
 - 2. A Tribal Security Officer must be present from the beginning of picking up the ballots at the Post Office to the end of counting of the ballots;
 - 3. Two (2) neutral observers not affiliated with any candidate selected by the Election Commission, tribal members; and
 - 4. A neutral Tribal Attorney not affiliated with any candidate, if so requested by the Election Commission, to serve as an additional observer.

E. The Election Commission shall post the election results at the Tribal Complex, Concho Agency, and at the Clinton Indian Hospital after the preliminary certification.

F. The Election Commission shall certify all elections results within twenty-four (24) hours of an election. A tie vote in a general election shall be decided in a Special Election.

4.5 Recounts

- A. Within twenty-four (24) hours of the posting of the preliminary election results, a candidate may demand a recount of the ballots cast in that election. A recount of ballots shall be mandatory in the case that an election ends in a tie or a margin of victory less than ten (10) percent of the votes cast for the respective position.
- B. In the event of a recount, all valid ballots will be hand counted.

4.6 Protests and Challenges

All protests and challenges to the results of an election shall be initially filed with the Election Commission. The Election Commission shall render a final determination on any protest or challenge within forty-eight (48) hours setting forth in writing separate findings of fact and conclusions of law. If the Election Commission fails to render a final determination on any protest or challenge within forty-eight (48) hours, the original certification of the election results shall be deemed final for purposes of judicial review. The final determination of a protest of challenge, or the original certification, in the event a final determination is not made within forty-eight (48) hours, shall be subject to de novo review by the Cheyenne-Arapaho Supreme Court pursuant to Article VIII, Section 5(b) of the Tribal Constitution. Article IX, Section 13 on the Tribal Constitution grants the Supreme Court only twenty (20) days from the filing of such an appeal to rule.

ARTICLE V
ELECTIONS

5.1 Regular Elections

A. In accordance with Article IX, Section 8(a) of the Tribal Constitution, beginning on May 1st of an Election year, nominations for elective office shall be open to qualified candidates. Nominations shall close on June 1st. The Election Commission shall make all determinations regarding the eligibility of candidates to seek elective offices and shall publish a preliminary list of qualified candidates no later than June 15th. Any member of the Tribes may challenge a name on or the omission of a name from the preliminary list of candidates by filing a written protest with

the Election Commission by July 15th. The Election Commission shall decide all written protests to the preliminary list of candidates no later than August 1st. The Election Commission shall publish a final list of candidates no later than August 15th.

- B. No less than fifty (50) days prior to the date set for any general election, the Election Commission shall prepare an Election Announcement and post the Election Announcement at the Tribal Office and other appropriate locations and newspapers.
- C. Each registered absentee voter shall be furnished a ballot by mail containing the names of candidates from his/her district at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the election date. Election winners shall be determined by those ballots returned by mail to the Concho Post Office not later than 3:00P.M. on the date set in the Election Announcement for counting ballots. The counting of ballots shall begin at 6:00 P.M.
- D. In the event that there is no more than one candidate registered for any one elective office, sole candidates shall be declared default winners, and a formal election shall be deemed unnecessary.

5.2 Special Elections

- A. Pursuant to Article IX, Section 11 of the Constitution, a Special Election shall be held when called for by the Legislature by law or by the Constitution.
- B. If a Special Election is necessary, the Election Commission shall prepare an Election Announcement and post it at the Tribal Complex, Concho Agency and the Clinton Indian Hospital. The Election Announcement may be posted at other appropriate locations and newspapers. To the extent practicable, the Election Commission shall follow the timelines established for regular elections under Section 5.1 of this Article. If, however, it is not practicable to provide proper timeframes between preparation of the Election Announcement and the counting of Special Election ballots, the Election Commission shall determine, in its reasonable discretion, the appropriate timeline for the Special Election, keeping in consideration the interests of candidates and the voters of the district.

5.3 Election Expenses

All expenses for any election shall be paid from Election Commission. Funds appropriated from the Tribal Council approved Tribal Budget line item, Election Commission fees, monies made available by approval from Election Board requests, or from any available emergency funding entities.

5.4 Campaign Restrictions and Limitations

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to intentionally participate in the preparation, dissemination, or broadcast of paid or unpaid political advertising, campaign material, or a letter to a newspaper editor that is false and that such person knows is false or communicates to others with reckless disregard of whether it is false if such advertising or material:
- 1. Relates to the personal or political character, voting record or acts of a candidate, or relates to the effect of a ballot measure; and
 - 2. Is designed or intended to elect, injure, promote, or defeat a candidate or to promote or defeat a ballot measure.
- The provisions of this subsection shall not apply to any person or organization whose sole act is, in the normal course of business, the printing, manufacturing, or dissemination of the false advertising or material.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly make, directly or indirectly, a false claim stating or implying that a candidate or ballot measure has the support or endorsement of a particular committee or person, or to state in written campaign material that a candidate or ballot measure has the support or endorsement of an individual or committee without first getting written permission from the individual or committee to do so.
- C. As used in this section: "Ballot Measure" means an initiative, referendum, legislative referendum, legislative initiative, or any proposition or measure submitted to voters of the Tribes for their approval or rejection at a Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribal Election; "Candidate" means a person who seeks nomination or election to Tribal office. An individual is a candidate when the individual has filed a declaration of candidacy for any Cheyenne and Arapaho office with the Election Commission. The term "candidate" shall include a person whose candidacy is unopposed; "Committee" means a candidate committee, political action committee, or legislative committee; "Person" means an individual, corporation, association, proprietorship, firm, partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, joint stock company, syndicate, business trust, estate, trust, company, organization, committee, or club, or a group of persons who are voluntarily in concert; and, "Campaign material" means any literature, publication, or material tending to influence voting at an election, except for news items or editorial comments by the news media.
- D. Any person who knowingly and willfully violates any provision of this section, upon conviction, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of Five Thousand Dollars (\$5,000.00), or by imprisonment for up to one (1) year, or by both such fine and imprisonment.

5.5 Election Audits

Oversight bodies may require the participation of a neutral election auditor in any election for which it is deemed necessary by said oversight bodies to perform pre and post election audits and to monitor ballot counting.

ARTICLE VI
RECALL PETITIONS AND ELECTIONS

6.1 Recall Petitions

A. Notice: The person or persons presenting a petition to recall a member of the Legislature shall post a notice of their intent to pursue a petition for a period of at least twenty (20) days prior to beginning the collection of signatures for the petition. The notice shall be posted in the Tribal Complex, Concho Agency, and at the Clinton Indian Hospital. The notice may also be posted in other appropriate locations and newspapers. The notice and every copy of the petition must describe in detail the specific actions of the member of the Legislature subject to the petition that are thought to justify the recall, and the basis for the recall petition.

B. Signatures Required: No petition requesting the recall of a member of the Legislature shall be valid unless the petition contains the signatures of at least one-third (1/3) of the eligible members of the district that such member represents. The petitioner shall be required to secure a list of eligible voters for the relevant district, as that list has been approved by the Election Commission. For the purposes of this Section, an eligible voter shall be an individual who meets the requirements of Article II, Section 2.1 of this Ordinance.

C. A person seeking to recall a political official shall pay a fee of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) to the election commission to begin the recall process for the first recall attempt against any elected official. The purpose of recall fees is to discourage frivolous and unwarranted multiple recall efforts against elected officials.

6.2 Person(s) Carrying or Posting Petition

The person or persons carrying or posting the petition for recall must be enrolled members of the same district as the member of the Legislature for whom recall is sought. Those seeking to post or carry a petition must register with the Secretary of the Election Commission on or before the start of the one hundred and twenty (120) day period for gathering signatures.

6.3 Contents of Petition

To be valid, a recall petition shall contain:

- A. a heading specifying the official who is the subject of the recall, the official's district affiliation, and the purpose of the petition; said heading must appear clearly at the top of each page on which signatures are gathered; and,
- B. a brief description of the official's conduct thought to justify the recall petition; and,
- C. by separate line, the signature of each eligible member requesting the recall; and,
- D. on each signature line, the birthdate, address, and printed name of the person signing and the date on which the signature was given (the birthdate, address, and date shall be used to determine whether the signature is that of an eligible voter affiliated with the same district as the person against whom the recall petition is directed and to ensure that the signature was affixed not more than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to presentation of the petition); and,
- E. a statement that tribal members may not seek the recall of more than one official of by a single petition; and,
- F. the valid signatures of at least one-third (1/3) of the eligible voters of the district seeking the recall; and
- G. be circulated for signature only by a/an eligible voter(s) affiliated with the same district as the person against whom the recall petition is directed; and,
- H. a certification, under penalty of perjury, executed by the eligible voter(s) circulating the petition that he or she acquired the signatures appearing on the petition, that such signatures are not the result of promises, threats or other improper circumstances and that he or she was present when the names appearing on the petition were affixed to the petition.

6.4 Timely Signatures

All signatures appearing on a petition for recall shall be gathered in a one hundred and twenty (120) day period from the end of the twenty (20) day notice period in Section 6.1(A) of this Ordinance. The petition shall be submitted to the Legislature at the end of this one hundred and twenty (120) day period. Any signature that is determined to have been affixed more than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to submission of a petition shall not be counted in determining whether the petition contains the required number of signatures, as specified in Sections 6.1(B) and 6.3 of this Ordinance.

6.5 Petition Presentation

Recall petitioners, or their representative(s), shall present and file their petition for recall with the Election Commission.

6.6 Verification and Certification

- A. No later than thirty (30) days after receipt of a recall petition by the Election Commission, the Election Commission shall verify the signatures and district affiliation of the petitioners appearing thereon, and shall certify the petition as valid or invalid.
- B. If the petition is determined to be invalid, the Election Commission shall render its decision in writing and post the same at the Tribal Complex, Concho Agency, and at the Clinton Indian Hospital.
- C. If the petition is certified as valid, a recall election shall be held within forty-five (45) days following verification of the petition as valid by the Election Commission.

6.7 Judicial Review

Any decision of the Election Commission calling or declining to call a recall election shall be reviewable by the Trial Court (with appeal rights to the Supreme Court), provided that such review may not result in the award of monetary damages, attorneys' fees, or costs against the Tribes, its officers, agents or employees. The Trial Court may only set aside the Election Commission's decision, reviewable under this Section, if the Trial Court finds that the Election Commission's decision was an abuse of discretion. In the event of such a finding, the Court shall remand the case back to the Election Commission with instructions to hold or cancel the election based upon the Court's decision.

6.8 Recall Elections

- A. Calling of Election: Following the certification of a recall petition as valid, the Election Commission shall call an election in which the eligible voters of a district will determine whether to recall the member who is the subject of the petition. Recall elections shall be held within sixty (60) days after certification of the recall petition.
- B. Votes Required for Recall: A simple majority of votes cast in a recall election shall determine whether a member of the Legislature is or is not recalled from office; provided that no member of the Legislature, regardless of the outcome of any recall election, shall be recalled from office unless thirty percent (30%) or more of the eligible voters of that Legislature's district shall have cast ballots in the recall election.

- C. Conduct of Elections: Recall elections shall be held in accordance with this Ordinance in the same manner as General Elections. Recall elections shall be overseen and are the responsibility of the Election Commission.
- D. Recalled Officials: Until formally recalled by the district's membership and the issuance of a final decision of any court challenge, the official against whom a recall petition is directed shall continue to serve as an elected official, with all authorities and powers pertaining to the office. If the posted results of a recall election reflect that there were sufficient votes to recall the official who was the subject of the recall election, and the Election Commission or Tribal Court does not enter a contrary ruling, that person shall cease acting under the authority of the respective position immediately upon the date that the challenge period closes. The recall of a Legislator shall not operate to disqualify the member from again seeking election to the Legislature beyond the limitations contained in Section 6.9(A) of this Ordinance.

6.9 Recall Limits

The following limits to recall apply:

- A. A person who is successfully recalled from office shall not be eligible to serve in an elective office until a period of six years has elapsed.
- B. No recall petition shall be initiated against any elected official until six (6) months have elapsed from their inauguration into office.
- C. No recall petition shall be initiated against any elected official who has six (6) months remaining in his or her term.
- D. Any elected official may only be subject to one recall election under Article XII, § 6 of the Tribes' Constitution, during their term of office.

ARTICLE VII
VACANCY ELECTIONS

7.1 Declaration of Vacancy

- The Election Commission shall declare a position vacant within five (5) days of the occurrence of any of the following events:
- A. The posting of results by the Election Commission that the majority of eligible voters at a recall election (at which at least thirty percent (30%) of the eligible voters of a district cast a ballot) voted to recall a member of the Legislature, or the issuance of a final election challenge decision affirming the vote in favor of a recall, whichever is later.

- B. The posting of results by the Election Commission that the majority of eligible voters at a recall election (at which at least thirty percent (30%) of the eligible voters of the Tribes cast a ballot) voted to recall the Governor or Lieutenant Governor, or the issuance of a final election challenge decision affirming the vote in favor of a recall, whichever is later.
- C. The death, resignation, removal or permanent departure from the territory of the Tribes of a member of the Legislature, the Governor or Lieutenant Governor.
- D. Seven (7) members of the Legislature voting affirmatively to remove any member for good cause pursuant to Article XII, Section 1 of the Constitution; AND, the subsequent posting of results by the Election Commission that the majority of eligible voters at a Special Election (at which at least thirty percent (30%) of the eligible voters of a district cast a ballot) voted to remove a member of the Legislature, or the issuance of a final election challenge decision affirming the vote in favor of removal, whichever is later.
- E. Unanimous vote of all eight (8) members of the Legislature to impeach and remove the Governor or Lieutenant Governor for good cause pursuant to Article XII, Section 2 of the Constitution. In the event there are vacancies in the Legislature, impeachment and removal by this method shall not be possible and cannot be achieved by a vote of less than eight (8) legislators.

7.2 Vacancy Elections

- A. Calling of Election: If more than three (3) months remain in the term of the vacant position on the Legislature, the Election Commission shall call and set the date(s) for vacancy election(s) within five (5) days of declaration of the vacancy.
- B. Election Dates: A nomination period shall be initiated no later than four (4) days from declaration of a vacancy. A primary election shall be held no later than twenty-one (21) days from the declaration of a vacancy. A general election shall be held no later than twenty-four (24) days from the posting of the results of a primary election called to fill a vacancy.

7.3 Seating of Members Filling a Vacancy

A person elected to fill a vacancy on the Legislature shall be installed at the first regular meeting of the Legislature following a vacancy election and shall serve the remaining term of the seat to which he/she was elected.

ARTICLE VIII
REFERENDUM ELECTIONS

8.1 Calling of Referendum

Upon receipt of a petition signed by at least two hundred and fifty (250) registered voters of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes or request supported by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote of the Legislature, any enacted or proposed resolution or ordinance of the Legislature shall be submitted to the voters in a Special Election.

8.2 Notice

The person or persons presenting a referendum petition shall post a notice of their intent to pursue a petition for a period of at least twenty (20) days prior to beginning the collection of signatures for the petition. The notice shall be posted in the Tribal Complex, Concho Agency, and at the Clinton Indian Hospital. The notice may be posted in other public places and newspapers. The notice and every copy of the petition must contain a certified copy of the ordinance or resolution that is the subject of the Petition.

8.3 Procedural Requirements

All petitions seeking a referendum vote on a law shall be submitted to the Election Commission. Upon request, the Election Commission shall prepare and issue a petition form to a petitioner along with the names and addresses of the eligible voters of the Tribes listed by district. No member of the Election Commission may request, circulate, or sign a referendum petition without having first recused him or herself from all matters concerning the referendum effort.

8.4 Contents of Referendum Petition

To be valid, a referendum petition shall:

- A. as a heading, specify the resolution or ordinance to be placed at issue in a referendum and the purpose of the petition, which heading shall appear at the top of each page on which signatures are gathered and contain a certified copy of the ordinance or resolution; and,
- B. contain the signatures of at least 250 registered voters of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes; and,
- C. by separate line, contain the signatures of each eligible voter requesting the referendum; and,
- D. on each signature line, identify the address and enrollment number of the person signing and the date on which the signature was given; and,

- E. not seek a referendum on no more than one resolution or ordinance by a single petition; and,
- F. Contain a certification, under penalty of perjury, executed by the eligible voter(s) who circulated the petition that he or she acquired the signatures appearing on the petition, that such signatures are not the result of promises, threats or other improper circumstances, and that he or she was present when the names appearing on the petition were affixed to the petition.

8.5 Timely Signatures

Members of the Tribes shall have one hundred and twenty (120) days to collect the requisite number of signatures on the referendum petition. The deadline for collecting signatures will begin at the end of the twenty (20) day notice period in Section 8.2. The petition shall be submitted to the Election Commission at the end of this one hundred and twenty (120) day period. Any signature that is determined to have been affixed more than one hundred and twenty (120) days prior to submission of a petition shall not be counted in determining whether the petition contains the required number of signatures, as specified in Sections 8.1 and 8.4 of this Article.

8.6 Petition Presentation

Referendum petitioners, or their representative(s), shall present and file their petition for referendum with the Election Commission.

8.7 Verification and Certification

- A. Within thirty (30) days of receiving the petition, the Election Commission shall verify the signatures of the petitioners appearing thereon, and shall certify the petition as valid or invalid.
- B. If the petition is determined to be invalid, the Election Commission shall render its decision in writing and post the same at the Tribal Complex, Concho Agency, and at the Clinton Indian Hospital.
- C. If the referendum petition is certified as valid, a Special Election shall be held within forty-five (45) days following verification of the petition as valid by the Election Commission.

8.8 Special Elections

- A. Calling of Election: Following the certification of a referendum petition as valid, the Election Commission shall call a Special Election in which the eligible voters of the Tribes will determine whether to approve the enacted or proposed resolution or ordinance which is the subject of the petition. The Special Election shall be held within forty-five (45) days after certification of the referendum petition.

- B. Votes Required for Recall: A simple majority of votes cast in a referendum election shall determine whether the action presented to the eligible voters is accepted or rejected; provided that the referendum vote shall not be binding on the Tribes unless thirty percent (30%) or more of the eligible voters of the Tribes shall have cast ballots in the Special Election.
- C. Conduct of Elections: Special Elections for referendum shall be held in accordance with this Ordinance in the same manner as General Elections. Special Elections for referendum shall be overseen by and are the responsibility of the Election Commission.

ARTICLE IX
MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

9.1 Construction

This Act shall be liberally construed to carry out its purpose. The effectiveness and enforceability of this Act shall not be dependent upon the adoption of any regulations unless otherwise required by law. Nothing contained in any regulations promulgated hereunder shall be construed to diminish, limit or otherwise adversely affect any right, remedy held or available to the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes.

9.2 Severability

If any section of this Act, or any part thereof, or any application thereof to any party, person or entity or in any circumstance shall be held invalid for any reason whatsoever by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the section or part of the Act shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and effect as though no section or part has been declared to be invalid.

9.3 Punishment for Violating this Act

Any violation of this law or any other election law shall not be allowed to serve on the Election Commission, run for election to any office for a term of two (2) years from the date of the offense, and such conviction or violation shall be punishable by a jail term of up to one (1) year and a fine of up to five thousand dollars (\$5,000) per offense.

9.4 Statement of Supersedure

This Act shall supersede any law in place before it, which conflicts with its intent and purpose.

9.5 Governance Clause

If any provision in the foregoing Act conflicts with the existing rules and regulations drafted by the Election Commission, the provisions enumerated herein shall govern. If any provisions within the existing Rules and Regulations conflict with or otherwise violate the 2006 Constitution of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes, such provisions shall be deemed null and void.


Speaker of the Legislature or
Chairman of the Special Session
3rd Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

ATTEST:

I, Ramona Tall Bear, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of Resolution No. 3L-SS-2011-12222011-001, passed by the 3rd Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes at a Special Session, by roll call vote, on the 22nd day of December, 2011, by a vote of 2 for, 0 against, 0 abstaining, 1 absent, vacant, and 0 not voting.


Ramona Tall Bear, Acting Legislative Clerk
3rd Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Resolution No. 3L-SS-2011-12222011-001 was submitted for approval to the Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes on the 4th day of January, 2012, at o'clock a.m./p.m., pursuant to Article VI, § 7 of the Constitution and will become effective thirty (30) days after signature by the Governor or thirty (30) days subsequent to a successful veto override, unless otherwise provided by this law or unless validly repealed by the Tribal Council.


Ramona Tall Bear, Acting Legislative Clerk
3rd Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

ATTEST:

Received at the Office of the Governor By:


Printed Name/Title

Signature

Date/Time

(X) SIGNED
() VETOED
On the 17th day of January, 2012.


Justice Prairie Chief-Bogwell
Governor of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes

Resolution No. 3L-SS-2011-12222011-001, (signed) or (vetoed) by the Governor, was returned to the Office of the Legislative Clerk on the 17th day of January, 2012, at 4:30 o'clock p.m., by the Office of the Governor.


Ramona Tall Bear, Acting Legislative Clerk
3rd Legislature of the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes